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THREAT TO H. K. INDUSTRY

Shoe Factories Faced With Extinction?

BRADLEY TO SUCCEED IKE?

Washington, June 24.
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower plans to retire as Chief of Staff of the Army about Jan. 1 next and take over the presidency of Columbia University, the Army and Navy Journal, unofficial service publication, said in its current issue.

"The journal said that 'plans are under way' for Gen. Eisenhower's retirement and he will be 'most likely' succeeded by Gen. Omar N. Bradley," United Press.

Russia Had A Plant But---!

Chico, Cal., June 24.
Father Bernard Hubbard, famed "Glacier Priest," said today that Russia had an atomic energy plant a year ago but it blew up.

In an exclusive interview in the "Chico Record," the well-known world traveller said the blast resulted from "lack of know-how" and devastated a wide area killing several scientists.

Fr. Hubbard, head of the geological department of Santa Clara University, is visiting a brother here and resting after a seven-month world tour. He said he could not divulge the source of his information "but take it from me the source of my information is authoritative."

He added "One of the professors evidently forgot a decimal point and the Soviet atom factory and all those scientists blew up." The Padre said if freedom of travel would be extended to newsmen in Russia his information concerning the explosion could be proven.

He said the plant is roughly 45 miles from Moscow. He could give no estimate of the damage or the number killed in the blast but he called it "terrifically high."—United Press.

Lively Session At Shanghai Meeting

Shanghai, June 24.
A verbal clash between the United States and Soviet delegates enlivened today's session as the United Nations Economic Mission for Asia and the Far East continued its clause by clause voting of the special committee's draft resolution, laying down the programme for the collection and analysis of information bearing on the economic reconstruction of Far Eastern countries.

When Russia's Alexander Stetsenko proposed an amendment, inserting the word "national" before "the administrative and technical personnel" in the clause dealing with the training and importations of economic personnel in countries in need of them America's Monnet B. Davis charged the Soviet delegate with bringing up "undesirable ultra-nationalism."

Mr. Davis said that the Russian amendment was "undesirable and unnecessary" in that it brought up the question of nationalism. Mr. Stetsenko insisted by labelling the American statement as an "unfounded accusation" and told the Chairman, China's T. T. Tsiang, that his amendment stood.

Britain Opposes

On being put to the vote, however, the amendment was defeated, seven voting against and two for it.

First opposition to the Soviet amendment came from the United Kingdom delegate, Sir

Notices Given To Factories

The rubber shoe industry, one of Hong Kong's major pre-war industries, which at one time had hopes of regaining its former commanding position in world markets, is today faced with possible extinction.

This is not only due to trade restrictions, high cost of labour and keen competition from newly-established overseas manufacturers, but also because Government has indicated to the different factories (which are located in domestic premises in Government designated "factory areas") that unless they remove to non-domestic buildings, registration will be discontinued.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr. Irwin Yee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Rubber Industrial and Commercial Association, said that if Government carries out its threat to cease the registration of rubber factories in domestic premises, the result will prove most detrimental to the interests of this Colony, as not only will the majority of Hong Kong's rubber factories be compelled to close down, but thousands of people will also be thrown out of employment.

It was pointed out by Mr. Yee that the factories which have received notices to find more suitable premises were originally located in residential districts and that it was under Government's orders that they moved to the localities where they are now situated and which come under the definition of "factory areas."

Not Understood

All factories which have received notices are registered with the Protector of Labour. As the application for registration in the first instance indicated the premises which could be used as well as the nature of the business to be carried on, the action of Government in issuing orders for removal is not understood by manufacturers.

They argue that it must have been apparent from the beginning, when Government gave orders for factories to move from residential districts to "factory areas," that the premises intended to be used were domestic premises.

The following is an extract from the circular letter which has been addressed by the Protector of Labour to the various

factories and which bears the date Dec. 4, 1946:—

Circular Letter

"I have to inform you that the Chief Officer Fire Brigade and Labour Officer have decided that due to the dangerous nature of the work, which includes the use of petrol, future registration of rubber factories in domestic premises will be discontinued.

"In the case of your factory at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

According to Mr. Yee, the factories, on receipt of this circular letter, both individually and through the Association, addressed the Protector of Labour and Chief Officer Fire Brigade, asking for a reconsideration of the decision. Up to the present, no reply has been received.

Not Easy Matter

Mr. Yee declared that Government did not seem to appreciate that it is by no means an easy matter to find suitable premises with the housing problem so acute. Factories are faced with the alternative of building their own premises, but in view of the high building costs and the lack of suitable and cheap sites, such a course is not feasible.

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Ship Driven Ashore By Typhoon

Manila, June 24.
A victim of the recent typhoon, Carole, was disclosed today with word that the Madrigal Steamship Company's 2,295-ton S.S. Tristan with 48 persons aboard was driven aground off Cape San Vicente near Aparri Bay by 100 knot winds.

The salvage ship Barracuda reached the stricken vessel at noon today to begin relief operations.

Captain Vicente Razon said after loading general cargo at Aparri they moved into the typhoon anchorage when general warnings were received of the approaching big blow, but the anchorage provided insufficient protection as the Tristan was hurled upon a coral reef, opening its seams.

The Tristan was formerly the Penobscot of Canadian registry. —Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

A ridge of high pressure extends from the Philippines to an anticyclone centered in the Yellow Sea is moving NE. A trough extends from Burma along the S. China coast to the Eastern Sea and the Bay of Japan.

Today's Forecast—Moderate SE to E winds. Mainly cloudy with occasional rain.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 86.5 deg. Fahr. Minimum: 77.6 deg. Fahr. Sunshine: 1.9 hours. Rainfall: 0.8 mm. — 0.01 inch. Total since Jan. 1—321.5 mm. as against an average of 379.9 mm.

Sea—Sea 4 at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Maximum: 10.0 m. 10.0 m. Minimum: 2.0 m. 2.0 m. Swell: 10.0 m. 10.0 m. Tide: High 10.0 m. 10.0 m. Low 2.0 m. 2.0 m. Wind Direction: ESE 885 Wind Force: 4 4 knots.

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JAPANESE CLOTH SHIPMENT

London, June 23.
A first shipment of 32,000,000 yards of cotton grey cloth, made in Japan, arrived at Manchester Docks today. Altogether, 64,000,000 yards will be sent, the largest single shipment ever imported into England.

The Japanese cloth equals the volume of production which Lancashire lost in the fuel crisis, and is to be re-exported by Manchester converters. —Reuter.

Schuman Austerity Approved

Paris, June 24.
In the face of bitter Communist and labour opposition the French National Assembly, after an all-night session and under strong police guard, today voted acceptance of Finance Minister Robert Schuman's austerity programme.

It was adopted by 302 votes against 241. There were 50 abstentions.

As the National Assembly slogged its way through the long, intricate plan French labour continued to manifest its dislike for the scheme with demonstrations and strikes.

The Assembly was in continuous session from 9 p.m. yesterday until 1.05 p.m. today with only a 20-minute recess at 11.30 last night.

The Assembly will meet again tomorrow for a debate on Premier Paul Ramadier's economic programme.

Meanwhile, strikes and protests against the Schuman programme continued throughout the nation. In the Mediterranean city of Marseilles a two-hour general strike beginning at 10 a.m. was held. Tens of thousands of workers tramped through the sunny streets shouting "Down with the Schuman plan."

The great Citroën automobile plant's divisions of Javel and Clitchey involving 15,000 closed down in support of the workers' demands for immediate payment for time lost during the strike earlier in the month.

The Paris bank strike went into its sixth day along with the strike of big Parisian department stores employees.

Reports from the coal mining area of North France said the strike which broke out there last night is spreading and now involved approximately 150,000, also in protest against the Schuman plan. —United Press.

Grim Prophecy By General

Atlanta, Ga., June 24.
Maj-Gen. Everett Hughes, Army Chief of Ordnance, asserted today that America is preparing for another war which is coming faster than anyone thinks and which will be fought in this country.

In a grimly prophetic speech after he inspected the Atlanta Ordnance depot, Gen. Hughes asserted that every man, woman and child automatically would become a soldier, and "guided missiles and serial bombs will be the order of the day."

He suggested an attack would be made on this country, putting the United States in the same position as Britain during the last war. But he added: "We will not be an ostrich with our head stuck under ground. Time will be the most important element in the next war."

"In the past we fought industrial wars. We had to take a year or two to get ready. The next time we must be ready when it happens."

Boy Holds 27 Police At Bay

Boston, June 23.
Using another boy as a shield, a 15-year-old youth armed with a pistol held 27 policemen at bay for 15 minutes before being overpowered after wildly emptying his gun.

Edward Bancroft, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, who weighs only 97 lb. was stopped by the police who were searching for a bandit dressed similarly.

Instead of complying with the police request Bancroft drew a revolver and fired, wounding one patrolman in the left arm. He then fled into an alley, where he collared 16-year-old William Rowan.

He then held Rowan in front of him, while he stood with his back to the fence of a dead-end street. He answered police pleas to surrender with ineffectual shots until a policeman sneaked around behind the fence, leaped over and slugged him with the butt of a riot gun.

Simultaneously, Rowan whirled and knocked the revolver from Bancroft's hand.

At police headquarters, Bancroft refused to explain why he started the duel, saying, "Don't crowd me... keep away from me."

The boy has a police record. —United Press.

British Requests Rejected

London, June 24.
An authoritative source reported today that Russia for the second time in two weeks had rejected a British request for clarification of the situation in Manchuria.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed the receipt in London of a Russian reply to the memorandum submitted to the Soviet Foreign Commissar V.M. Molotov in Moscow on June 17, but said he could not disclose its contents.

The Russian note, he added, was delivered here over the weekend. This presumably was at the same time that Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin transmitted his Government's acceptance of the British-French invitation to attend a three-power talk on European reconstruction. —Associated Press.

CHINESE QUOTA INCREASED

Nanking, June 24.
It is reliably learned from diplomatic sources that the Australian Government has passed regulations which will increase the immigration quota for Chinese nationals into Australia, long called the "White Man's Land."

This was reported to have been the result of repeated negotiations between the Chinese and Australian governments. It is expected that the measure will considerably strengthen Sino-Australian relations, both diplomatic and commercial. —Central News.

POPULATION OF SHANGHAI

Shanghai, June 24.
The City Government today announced that the population of Shanghai during May stood at 4,178,939. This figure represented an increase of 148,113 over April. —United Press.

THE SPIRAL CONTINUES

Shanghai, June 24.
The black market rate on United States currency spiraled upwards today as battle-field reports on Government's reserves poured into Shanghai and hopes for a loan from the United States swiftly dwindled.

This morning's quotation reached CN\$41,000 for one American dollar.

At the same time, the price of rice jumped to nearly CN\$500,000 per picul having ranged around \$400,000 for several weeks.

The dizzy descent continued in the afternoon to CN\$44,000 for US\$1.00. —Associated Press.

Nanking Accuses Russia

Nanking, June 24.
Chief of Staff Cheng Chen said today the Government's military situation in Manchuria was critical because the Communists were getting "substantial outside help."

He charged at least 31 Russian advisers were with the Chinese Reds attacking Szeching-kai and said it was now "a universally acknowledged fact" the Russian-trained Korean Communists are fighting on the side of the Chinese Reds in Manchuria.

Chen, however, failed to state when and how and from whom this information was obtained as he told a meeting of the Committee for Promotion of the Constitution in Shanghai.

Soviet aid to the Chinese Reds was given in the form of transport facilities, Chen declared, adding that Russian ships had been observed "carrying" Communist troops and supplies between Manchuria and Shantung Peninsula.

Perilous State

Chen, who six months ago predicted he would defeat the Reds within three months, acknowledged the Nationalists were in a perilous state in Manchuria where, he said, the Communist strength had grown to 850,000 within a year and an additional 600,000 under training.

He was of opinion that the Reds would make Jehol and Eastern Hopei the objective of their next large-scale offensive with major actions directed at disrupting northern sections of the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railways, to prevent the Government from sending large reinforcements to Manchuria.

Chen claimed transportation facilities are the main reason for the Government's inability to dislodge the Reds from Shantung. He said the Nationalists started their counter-offensive in South Shansi and would hold Taiyuan.

Jehol Fighting

Meanwhile, pro-Government reports from Mukden said that Government reinforcements under Gen. Sun Li-jen and Cheng Tung-ko, closing in on Szeching-kai from north and south, were momentarily expected to join the National garrison which is being mercilessly battered by the Reds in the strategic Manchurian rail city.

Government war planes also were reported to be bombing and strafing Red attackers.

In Jehol, Central News said the Reds captured Lingyuen, an important railroad, 75 miles northeast of Chengteh, provincial capital, bisecting the Mukden-Chengteh railroad over which Government troops were reported to be planning to push through reinforcements to Manchuria. —Associated Press.

Chiang Going To Peiping?

Tientsin, June 24.
Great concern over military developments in Hopei and Manchuria was related by the Deputy Commander-in-Chief in Hopei, General Shang Kuan-yun upon his return today from Nanking where he received detailed instructions from the Central Government.

It was semi-officially reported that about 800 Communists last night appeared between Yangtze and Peikang, 20 kilometres westward of Tientsin, and clashed with the Nationalist garrison there.

ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE?

London, June 24.
Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, according to an authoritative source today, is expected to propose to the French and Russian representatives in Paris on Friday that the big three nations sponsor an All-European conference of the American offer.

The informant indicated that Mr. Bevin would discuss this proposal later in the day with William Clayton, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, who arrived in Britain yesterday.

Mr. Clayton saw Mr. Bevin this morning at a confab attended by Premier Clement Attlee and Chancellor of the Ex-

Coming Events

June 28—Daisy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.
June 28—Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd. annual meeting, noon.
June 28—Y. M. C. Club, 12.45 p.m. Spenser, H.G.W. Woodhead on "Courts in Old Shanghai".
June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.
June 28—H.K. Hope Mfg. Co. Ltd. annual meeting, noon.
July 3—Lau, Crawford Ltd. general meeting of Shareholders, noon.
July 11—Peak Tramways annual meeting, noon.

NEW MAGISTRATE AT CENTRAL

Central Police Court yesterday, Mr. F.B. Spangole discharged 14 men, 12 women, for stealing a quantity of medicine, valued at \$300, from the Royal Naval Medical Depot in Pokfulam Road on June 20.
The woman, however, committed to prison for receiving the medicine and ordered that she be expelled from the Colony for five years without a fine on sentence to prison being imposed.
Mr. Spangole will sit in the Central Court during the absence of Mr. K. Keen.

RUGGER CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Rugby Section of the Hong Kong Football Club in the Club House at Happy Valley at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 1, to elect officers for the forthcoming season.
All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

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Motorbus Conductors Threat To Strike

China Motorbus Company's conductors may go on strike unless the Company reinstates two discharged colleagues, they said yesterday.

The conductors held two emergency meetings on Monday to discuss the situation and yesterday morning again summoned a conference to decide what action to take.

This afternoon, both management and employees are meeting at the Labour Office in an attempt to settle the matter by arbitration.
The management told the "China Mail" yesterday that the discharged conductors were paid off about two months ago for selling punched tickets.

Opium In Malt Mash

Kwan Wah-ching, a 24-year-old married woman, was fined \$1,680 (with the alternative of six months' imprisonment) by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when she admitted to the possession of 14 tins of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station on June 23.

Prosecuting, P.O. Paulie stated that the narcotic was discovered hidden in four jars of "muk-ah-tong" (malt mash) during a routine search by CRO 148.

As accused claimed that she was asked by a man named Chung Wan to bring the drug down to Hong Kong and that he would meet her at the Luk Hoi Tung Hotel at 9.15 p.m. that night, she was accompanied to the hotel by the prosecuting officer and detectives. The man did not keep the appointment.

OPIUM SEIZED AT KAI TAK

One of the largest seizures of raw opium was made by Revenue Officers at Kai Tak airport on Monday when over 150 lb. (2,000 tins) of the drug was found in a suitcase.

When Tung Chi-wah, 38, and Chan Chun-wah, 48, merchants, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday charged with the possession of the drug, P.O. Paulie applied for a 24 hours' remand for further inquiries.

Readers' Letters

Flood Relief Fund.

Sir,—It is most gratifying to see the spontaneous response given by the Chinese community of all sections to the above Fund. As an old resident of this Colony, may I take the liberty of bringing to the notice of the different organisations that it is most advisable and more efficient if the relief work were to be done by one organisation, such as the Tung Wah Hospital. I remember on a former occasion, each organisation had its own relief party, with the result that some sufferers of certain districts obtained no relief while some in other districts were given such large quantities of biscuits and other goods that they could sell some of them.

May I therefore suggest that the different organisations work together in close cooperation and carefully discuss ways and means of giving the best relief, but the most important point is that there should be only one organisation.

"OLD RESIDENT"

Art Exhibit
Sir,—With reference to my letter about the art exhibition "Kingdom of the Cats," I am sorry to take up your space again, but I should like to apologise to any readers who went in to see the exhibition after Monday and found it closed.

I happened to see this show on Friday of last week and the artist told me it would be on for several days. Due to language difficulties, I couldn't get the exact date of closing. I wrote my letter to your paper on Saturday morning and mentioned a "few days" without perhaps considering that publication might be delayed a day or so.

CHARLES FENN.

Bathing Beach Dangers

Sir,—In this morning's edition of your paper there appeared a letter signed by W. Evans, in which it was

Courage Of A Young Girl

When Hung Wing (alias Ngai Tsai Hung) 38, was convicted, DSI D. S. Roberts asked Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to take a very serious view of the case in view of the prevalence of this type of offence which are very seldom reported to the Police through fear of reprisals.
"Very few people have the courage of this 17-year-old girl and the master of the tea-house and come forward to report to us," said DSI Roberts.

Hung was sentenced to two years' hard labour for demanding with menaces \$50 from Ling Chiu-kwan at Nan Cheong Street on June 22. Concurrent sentences of 12 months and six months, respectively, were passed on the counts of inciting Ling to become a member of the Shing Wo Triad Society and of being a member of that triad society.

DSI Roberts said that Ling was a 17-year-old girl employed at the Fung Fong Tea-house, Nan Cheong Street. Shortly after she entered her employment she was approached by accused and told that if she join the Shing Wo Triad Society she would not be troubled.

Pestered Daily

The membership fee, accused is alleged to have stated, was \$50. When she refused, continued DSI Roberts, the girl was pestered every day. On June 20, two men called at the tea-house and told the girl that defendant wanted to see her down in the street. When she refused to go, one of the men struck her. The master intervened and told them to leave.

Two days later, continued DSI Roberts, the girl was leaving the tea-house when she saw the defendant in the company of several men. He accosted her and demanded the sum of \$50. When a constable passed, the men left.

Several days later, went on DSI Roberts, defendant was seen passing the tea-house and was pointed out to a constable by complainant. When questioned by the constable, defendant attempted to run away but was intercepted by a Chinese detective.

"Cooked Up" Charge

In the witness box, defendant denied that he ever demanded money from the girl. He was a regular customer of the tea-house, he said, and got to know the girl. When she heard that his wife had run away, declared accused, she suggested that he should marry her.

LIVING COSTS

Food and fuel costs for the week ending June 21, 1947	
Rice and Flour	7.2 cwt. \$4.6700
Vegetables	100 lb. 7.2200
Oil	100 lb. 2.2500
Tea	100 lb. 1.5910
Salt Fish	100 lb. .6600
Beans	100 lb. .8500
Porridge	100 lb. .9210
Firewood	100 lb. .7500
Beef Cud, 14 pieces	.5000
Total	\$12.6870

University Course Of Lectures

Some further details regarding the series of lectures in the University Summer course in social study, recently announced in the Press, may be of assistance to those who have made enquiries regarding various points.

It should be emphasized, in the first place, that it is in no way to be regarded as a "certificate" course; the intention is to provide a short series of lectures (with opportunities for discussion) on the outlines of certain subjects which are of importance to social workers.

A full certificate or diploma course in Social Study, spread over two years, is under contemplation by the University, with a view to providing the normal basic educational qualification of Social Service workers.

The present series (for which no fee is being charged) will meanwhile, it is hoped, be of help to workers engaged in Social Services and Welfare work in the Colony, and has been prompted by requests from Social Service workers for a short preliminary course. No formal examinations will be held at the conclusion of the series. Lecture notes will be taken by those attending, and some written work in certain subjects may be called for by lecturers.

Understanding Of Problem

The classes will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Mondays and Fridays, the subjects will be Social Economics, and Modern Developments in Social Welfare; on Tuesdays, Social Institutions, and Nutrition; on Thursdays, Social Services in Hong Kong.

The course will commence on Monday, July 7th, at the Tang Chi Ngong Chinese School of the University and will end on Friday, August 8th.

The course, within the limits of the accommodation available, will also be open to those interested in Social Welfare Services, though not actively engaged in social work. It is important, now that the new Colonial Welfare policy is being implemented, that there should be understanding of the problems involved, and sound views on social work among ordinary citizens in Hong Kong. It is hoped that the present course may in some measure contribute to this end.

POP

I'M SETTING A TRAP FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS!
WHY DON'T YOU LIKE HIM?
NOT SINCE HE KICKED ME OUT OF THAT SHOP
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BATHING BEACHES COMMITTEE

At yesterday's Urban Council meeting the Chairman announced that following Government's acceptance of the Council's recommendations on bathing beaches, it would be necessary for a select committee to be set up now to deal with matters that might be referred to Council in the implementation of the recommendations.

Council approved the appointment of Dr. J. F. Pelly as Chairman and the Hon. Director of Public Works and Messrs. M. W. Lo, B. Wong Tape and W. F. Simmons as members of the Select Committee to deal with the future use, development and control of bathing beaches in the Colony.

'Tungchow' Piracy Recalled

In a talk before the Rotary Club yesterday on "Piracies," Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead related his personal experiences aboard a pirated ship.

He described the Chinese pirates of the early days as "plaited ruffians who usually hunted in fleets of junks and attacked and boarded other sailing vessels, and disabled steamers with muzzle-loading cannon and stinkpots."

Between 1926 and 1935, piracy became a very lucrative industry, with the chief strongholds or rendezvous of the pirates at Bins Bay and Honghai Bay, Mr. Woodhead told his listeners.

Their unregistered headoffice, however, appeared to have been in Hong Kong, in which most of the pirates were actually organised. Most of the outrages were perpetrated on vessels sailing to Hong Kong either from Singapore or French Indochina, or from Shanghai, Amoy or Swatow.

During his talk, Mr. Woodhead detailed his experiences on board, the a.s. "Tungchow," which was seized by pirates while bound for Tientsin from Shanghai.

The "ambition," added Mr. Woodhead, of the Blas Bay fraternity to capture a trans-Pacific liner was never realised; the difficulties would have been stupendous. On one occasion, however, a trans-Pacific liner en route from Hong Kong to Shanghai was alerted by the Hong Kong police.

On the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Woodhead was thanked by Rotarian T. R. Rowell.

The gathering was presided over by the Club's Vice-President Rotarian Ngan Shing-kwan. Two new Rotarians, Messrs. K. F. Noble, Canadian Trade Commissioner, and C. S. Chu were inducted. Guests present were Captain Brandt and Messrs. K. Smith, McNeill, W. J. Richards, R. M. Keown, S. J. Pollock, J. V. V. Hunt, W. Rawitz, G. Litchfield and Richard Shih.

DRESSERS MAKE DEMANDS

The "China Mail" learned from a usually reliable source that a petition for higher wages, better living conditions and reduced working hours with more holidays, has been presented to the Acting Director of Medical Services by Chinese dressers employed in the Government hospitals.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ARREST

A warrant for the arrest of Li Che-ho, 26, described as an old cloth dealer, was issued by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday when Li failed to appear on a charge of stealing \$235.40 from Leung Sheung-tung on a tram in Des Voeux Road, West, on May 10.

Li's bail of \$250 was estreated. Mr. M. de Silva represented Li. As the request of Inspector H. Brownrigg, his Worship ordered that \$70 found on Li be given to Leung.

H.K. Campaign For Flood Relief

Chinese enthusiasm in response to the relief campaign in aid of the flood victims in the Pearl River delta reached a high pitch yesterday, when the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce and many other public bodies joined in publicity work and collecting donations from the general public.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, contributed \$100 towards the relief fund undertaken by the "Wah Kiu Yai Pao," which has now collected more than \$68,000.

The largest collection thus far netted by a single organisation was made by the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange, which, by yesterday morning had raised approximately \$180,000 among its members. The Exchange dispatched a working team to Canton yesterday to help the Canton authorities in distributing relief.

The Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce launched a 10-day campaign, starting yesterday, to raise funds among its members. The first three days of the period have been set aside for collecting funds for emergency relief purposes.

Prior to starting collection among its members yesterday, the Chamber of Commerce had already raised more than \$20,000. The Chung Sing Club raised over \$3,500 through its Dragon Boat Race at Kennedy Town on Monday.

The leading Chinese evening newspaper, the "Now Life Evening News," had collected by yesterday afternoon nearly \$11,000 from the general public, while the leftist daily, the "Wah Sheung Pao" joined in yesterday in asking relief funds from its readers.

Hawkers on the mainland and the island will stage relief sales, while local theatres and cinema houses will also set aside certain dates for relief shows.

HONG KONG CHINESE CABLE TO TRUMAN

President Truman, U.S. State Secretary George Marshall and the U.S. Congress were urged in a cablegram from Hong Kong yesterday by several Chinese democratic organisations in the Colony to "resolutely turn down" China's application for a big loan.

The telegram was signed by prominent Chinese generals, including Marshal Li Chai-sun and General Tsal Ting-kai, and professors and scholars who pledged that the future coalition government will not recognise any loans from the United States.

The message read:—"The National Government, controlled by a dictatorial clique of the Kuomintang, has urgently appealed to you for a big loan. We hope you will resolutely turn down the application."

"Under present circumstances, any supplies to China will be utilized to prolong the civil war. The Chinese people deplore such assistance and will never recognise the debt. The Coalition Government to be formed in the near future will never accept responsibility for such debt."

Guarantee Of Prosperity

"Only friendly relations with the Chinese people can guarantee prosperity in the Far Eastern markets and peace in the Far East."

The telegram was signed by the following:

Li Chai-sun and Madame Liao Chung-kai (Society of Comrades of the Three Peoples' Principles); Peng Tze-min, Feng Yu-fang and General Chang Wen (China Democratic League); General Tsal Ting-kai (China Democratic Promotion Association); Teng Chiu-min and General Li Chang-ta (National Salvation Association); Chen Chi-yuen and Kuo Kwan-chieh (Peasants and Workers Party); Chen Chi-yu (Hung Men Chi Kung Tang).

Danger Of Fire On Junks

Junks not equipped with fire fighting appliances should never carry dangerous goods, said Inspector Hill when he prosecuted Ling Fat, 30, kerosene dealer, before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for illegally exporting 278 tins of kerosene and for carrying dangerous goods on board junk 11188 on June 21.

Inspector Hill said a Water Police launch, under Si Blackhurst, stopped the junk in Tolo Channel. On boarding the junk, the Police found the kerosene, for the export of which defendant could not produce a permit. Neither could he produce the necessary permit for the transport of the kerosene.

In asking His Worship to take a rather serious view of the case, the prosecuting officer pointed out that there are no fire-fighting appliances in the Mils Bay area, and that should one of these junks catch fire the danger would be great and real. There have been cases, said Inspector Hill, where sparks from the cherty used for cooking food on board have set alight the junk, with serious loss of life and property.

In reply to His Worship, Inspector Hill said that a permit would be issued to a junk only if it carried the necessary fire fighting appliances, such as buckets of sand or fire extinguishers. Accused was fined \$100 on the first charge and \$150 on the second.

UNOFFICIAL POSTMEN

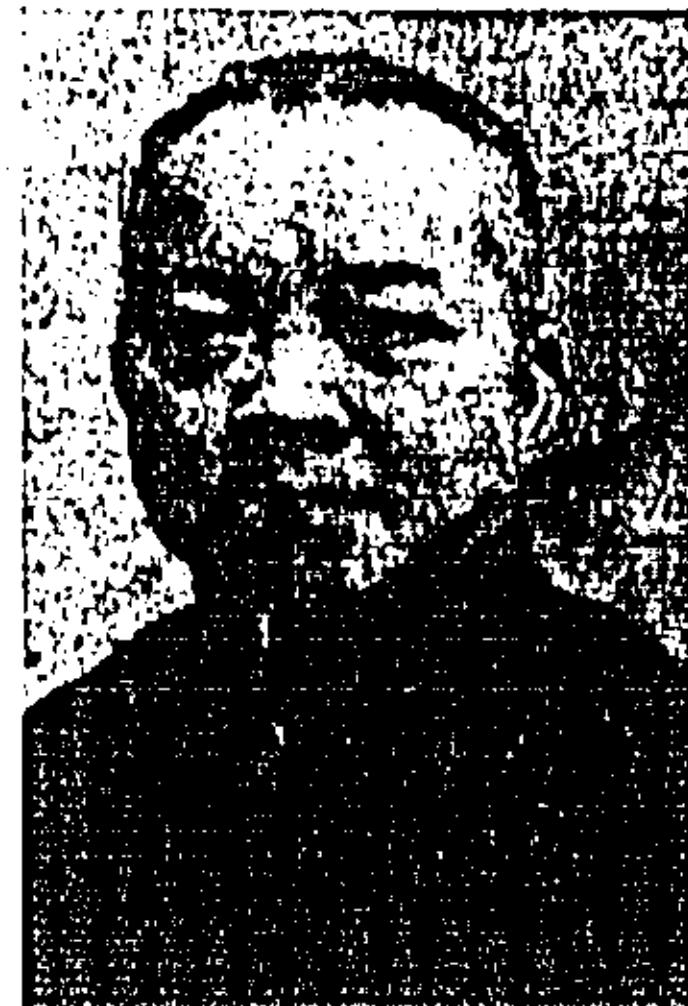
As Cheng Kow was leaving Holt's Wharf at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, just after the down-train from Canton had passed, he was searched and found to be in possession of 80 unstamped letters.

Charged before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Cheng was fined \$240 or two months' imprisonment.

Another "unofficial" postman, Tang Hok-kai, was fined \$15 for attempting to bring five letters into the Colony. He was arrested at the I.C.R. Station at 10.25 p.m. on June 23.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted in both cases.

while local theatres and cinema houses will also set aside certain dates for relief shows.



Marshal Li Chai-sun. (McCleung Studio).

Chinese Wedding At St. Joseph's

A charming wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday when Miss Mary Yau became the wife of Mr. Leo Leong, manager of San Way Co. Ltd.

The bride, given away by Mr. P.C. Lee, wore a short white lace dress with a tulle veil. She was attended by Miss E. Yau, who wore a peach-coloured dress with a blue hat. The bride carried a bouquet of lotus flowers.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Gardens and about 400 guests were present when the happy couple appeared to the strains of the "Wedding March" played by Sgt. Faller and his Orchestra.

Mr. S.W. Lee in a short speech proposed a toast to Mr. & Mrs. Leo Leong, wishing them a happy married life. The bride, with the assistance of her husband, then cut the five tiered wedding cake while the guests according to Chinese custom, scrambled for souvenirs from the cake.

Among those present were Mr. M. de Silva, Mr. and Mrs. C.Y. Kwan, Mr. Ng Kau Shing, Insp. and Mrs. J. Brown, Insp. and Mrs. J.W. Saunders, Insp. J.E.V. Hadden, Mr. Sung King, Mr. Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Makin Wong, Mr. and Mrs. K.W. Young, C.S.I. Shih and Mr. Kwok San Yui.

TO BE WED

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—
Captain Angus John Macdonald, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, of Ipoh, to Miss Eva Jean Ewing, stenographer of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Richard Henry Sparling, clerk, Naval store, to Miss Maria Doris Fraser of 8, Marclino Street, Sydney.
Edward Jose Batalha da Silva, merchant, 3 Tak Shing Street, to Miss Cheung Kem-ming.

REBURIAL OF WAR DEAD

A reburial service for 300 Canadian battle casualties lost in the defence of Hong Kong in December, 1941, will take place on July 1 (Dominion Day) in the Canadian Section of the Sai Wan Military Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Representatives of the three Services and from the Hong Kong Government are expected to attend.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscriptions for the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received yesterday were:—
The Sincere Co., Ltd. \$ 500.00
The Wing On Co., Ltd. 500.00
The Sun Company Ltd. 500.00
China Emporium Ltd. 500.00
Mr. Wong Chi To, in memory of his father, the late Mr. Wong Ping Shun 250.00
Mrs. Wong Chi To, in memory of her father, the late Mr. Yuen Shou Pan 250.00
Anonymous 250.00
South China Traders 100.00
Wah Wing Company 50.00
Chinese Arts Gallery 50.00
Sui Chien International Trading Co., Ltd. 500.00
Indo-China Trading Co. 500.00
Total \$ 3,950.00
H.K. Government Contribution \$ 4,850.00
Received to June 23, 1947 608,524.25
Grand Total \$ 9,304.25

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"WHY BLIND OUR EYES?"

Mr. Bevin's Blunt Question To Moscow

"We Have Enough Of Obstruction"

New York, June 24. "We have lived through this before... why blind our eyes?" There was something Churchillian about the figure of Mr. Bevin as he stood before Parliament and told Moscow that its pretences of legality have failed to cloak its real activities in Eastern Europe.

The Foreign Secretary declared: "You have gone far enough. Come with us now to help organize the economy of Europe. But leave your disruptive tactics at home. We have enough of obstruction and interference with the Right of Nations to govern themselves, of your keeping things stirred up just so you can take advantage of the resulting chaos."

Just prior to that, by inviting Foreign Commissar Molotov to a conference on the implementation of the Marshall plan for the rehabilitation of Europe, England and France said, in effect: "You have a week to make up your minds. Will it be co-operation or shall we divide Europe down the middle road for good and buck your programme to a standstill?"

Mr. Eden, Conservative, and Mr. Bevin, Socialist, stood shoulder to shoulder when the House of Commons cheered the description of the American plan as deserving to rank with what Winston Churchill once called "American Lend-Lease, the most unsolid act in history."

The tone of the whole session was that of the old-time John Bull. No longer was Britain's Socialist Government distracted by its own extreme Left faction.

"If a conflict between ideologies is forced upon us," said Bevin, "we must face it, and the western world will not be the loser. I have seen... so many dictators attempt to suppress liberty in the world. In the end it has been the dictators who have failed."

Britain In A Hurry

Britain, of course, is in a hurry to do something about the Marshall plan to help Europe.

Britain Not To Take Same Step

London, June 23. Britain is awaiting official confirmation of the report that the United States Government has decided itself to pay the cost of its occupation of Austria from July 1 next, a Foreign Office spokesman stated in London today.

This report said that the Austrian Government would, according to American estimates, benefit to the extent of nearly \$20,000,000 yearly.

It meant that the United States had renounced the right of victors' enjoyed for the last two years, of living at the cost of the occupied country, turning the occupation army financially into "tourists."

The Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today that the American decision had not been taken in consultation with Britain and added that at this stage, Britain had no plan to make a similar move.—Reuter.

POTATOES FOR LONDON

London, June 23. One thousand tons of new potatoes from Jersey and a further thousand tons from Cornwall are expected in London today, stated the Food Ministry. Supplies of old potatoes are also arriving from Northern Ireland. The Ministry added that all available sources of potatoes as near London as possible are being tapped, and that nine special potato trains are being run by the GWR from Cornwall today—two will be for London, and others are for the provinces.—Reuter.

"JANE"



DIVORCE RATE AT PEAK

Washington, June 23. The divorce and marriage rate reached an all-time peak in the United States last year. The Public Health Service reported today that there were more than 2,300,000 marriages and 820,000 divorces.

The divorce rate is about 120,000 or 24 per cent over the 1945 figure and marriages are about 882,000 or 52 per cent.—United Press.

Antwerp Shipbuilding Strike Ends

Brussels, June 23. The Antwerp shipbuilding and repairing strike ended today when 11,000 workers returned to their jobs as the result of a vote taken yesterday. They have been out since last Wednesday.

Belgian tramway workers suspended their campaign of lightning strikes in disputes over wages.

In the Charleroi district, 20,000 metal workers and mechanical construction workers were continuing their three-day strike, demanding payment of a special bonus for cost of living. This bonus was agreed to by the employers but vetoed by the Prime Minister, M. Spaak.—Reuter.

Mr. Clayton Confers With Ambassador

London, June 23. Mr. William Clayton, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, spent all today at the United States Embassy with the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas.

It is believed Mr. Douglas briefed Mr. Clayton on the steps taken by Britain in connection with the Marshall plan for aid to Europe. Mr. Clayton presumably gave Mr. Douglas the latest information on Washington developments.

The U.S. Embassy spokesman said Mr. Clayton had been too busy so far to get in touch with British officials. The Foreign Office also said no appointment had been made for Mr. Clayton with Mr. Bevin.

The spokesman said the Embassy had no information as to whether or not Mr. Clayton would go to Paris to participate in the Anglo-French-Soviet Foreign Ministers' conference on Friday on the Marshall plan. Mr. Clayton himself refused either to see newsmen or to answer telephone calls.

To See Attlee?

In addition to Mr. Bevin, Mr. Clayton is expected to visit the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Dalton; the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps; and possibly the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee. Mr. Clayton is scheduled to discuss clarification of the American position.

PAKENHAM TO VISIT AUSTRIA

London, June 23. Lord Pakenham, the Minister responsible for the British Zones of Germany and Austria, will leave London by air for Vienna on Thursday. It will be his first visit to Austria since he took over his present post. He will meet members of the Austrian Government, Allied High Commissioners and British officials.

On June 23, Lord Pakenham is due to go to Cologne for discussions with the British and German officials on current food problems.—Reuter.

Control On Petroleum Exports

Washington, June 23.

The Government today reimposed wartime controls on exports of petroleum products, in a move apparently started by Congressional criticism of American oil shipments to Russia.

The controls will not halt all oil shipments to the Soviet Union, but will make them subject to the discretion of the Commerce Department.

The controls will become effective on June 30, just 24 hours before the emergency law authorizing such export regulation is scheduled to expire. Congress has been asked to extend the law and today's move is seen as a manoeuvre to force their hands.

The move will require shippers to obtain licences for exports of all motor fuels, including ordinary aviation petrol, kerosene, gas, oil, distillate fuel and residual fuel oil and blending agents made from petroleum.—United Press.

VISHINSKY "TAKES THE CURE"

Prague, June 23. The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Vishinsky, is still "taking the cure" at Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad) and it is not yet known when he will leave Czechoslovakia, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. Vishinsky is apparently not seriously ill, since he interrupted his cure to pay a series of visits to official personages in Prague last week, including Premier Klement Gottwald and the Prague Mayor, Valer Vacek.—United Press.

Santiago, June 23. Eight miners were killed and many wounded in a coal mine explosion today at Lota, west of Concepcion, Chile.—Reuter.

"Pravda" Attacks John Foster Dulles

London, June 23. A "Pravda" article broadcast by Radio Moscow today said that Mr. John Foster Dulles' demand that the Hungarian crisis should be debated in the United Nations Assembly violated the United Nations Charter which Mr. Dulles had helped to draft.

"Pravda" said Mr. Dulles' proposal, made at Evanston, Illinois, "bells down to discussing at the General Assembly the internal state systems in several countries," in violation of Point Seven, Article One, in the Charter. It said Mr. Dulles refused to recognise the "simple and clear-cut fact" that "the overwhelming majority of the people in Eastern European countries are supporting their governments chosen in a democratic manner... he is disappointed and irritated by the success of Socialism."

The paper said that Russia, along with several other states, refuted Mr. Dulles' suggestion that the United States assume moral leadership of the world.—United Press.

Dulles' Speech

Evanston, Ill. June 24. Mr. Dulles, U.S. State Department Adviser, said today that the Russian policy of setting up a "police state" may "lead to widespread violence and even war". Dulles, in an address at the 89th Annual Commencement at the Northwestern University, said: "There is no reason to believe... that the effort of the Russian leaders to impose widely their system of Government will stop of its own accord. If it stops, it will only be because something stops it."

He declared "That something will be either violent resistance, or a moral resistance, so solid that to oppose it would be futile. Clearly, Americans must see to it that there is a peaceful stoppage."

Dulles said the United States was "in an awkward position to organise" such a movement "because at the moment our motives are suspected. That suspicion is found even among such historic and understanding friends as the British and French."

The first phase of the United States quest for peace must be to restore the nation's moral influence, Dulles added.

"The United States must make it clear beyond a doubt that it has no thought of using economic or military force to impose on others its particular way of life," Associated Press.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY AND SCHUMAN BILL

Paris, June 23. The French National Assembly Finance Commission reversed its previous decision and approved the Ramadier Government's belt-tightening recovery programme tonight, despite the angry protests of 5,000 demonstrating workers outside.

The bill, drafted by the Finance Minister (M. Schuman), was approved by 24 to 18 votes with four abstentions after Premier Ramadier called for its quick adoption to save the nation from the "brink of bankruptcy."

In protest against the recovery programme, which they said would increase the cost of living 20 per cent, workers began arriving from industrial suburbs shortly after 2 p.m. in buses which parked in the streets around the National Assembly building.

By 3.30 p.m. there were an estimated 5,000 workers in the vicinity.

Large police reinforcements were rushed to the scene and began clearing the streets in front of and behind the Bourbon Palace, which houses the Assembly.

An estimated police force of about 1,000 hastily threw up wooden barricades in the surrounding streets and blocked some streets with their long police motor-coaches.

There was some scattered scuffling as the police sought to eject beyond the barricades several hundred workers who had arrived there before the barricades were put in place. The workers stood their ground but later were persuaded to leave.

The police were ten deep in front of and behind the Assembly. Assembly officials went through the lines under police escort after adjournment. At 6 p.m., two Communist deputies emerged from the Assembly and mounted a police loud speaker car. They said the Communist Party was against the Schuman plan and informed workers of the progress of the debate.

They said there was no further reason to continue the demonstration and told the men and women to disperse. The crowd began to leave immediately. The fact that the workers left quietly on the Communist deputies' orders was interpreted as a sign that the incident had been organized by the Communist Party.

Schuman Plan

The Schuman financial plan against which the workers demonstrated called for 25,000,000,000 francs to be saved through cuts in appropriations; 40,000,000,000 through suppression of different subsidies; 40,000,000,000 to be gained through a 75 per cent increase in the price of tobacco; increases in postal, bus and railway charges; and 30,000,000,000 through new taxes—a total of 135,000,000,000 francs.

The Government's argument was the measures were necessary to get sufficient funds to pay wage increases—disguised as production bonuses—won by workers in strikes.

Leaving the Assembly, the Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, looked at the crowd and remarked: "They don't even know what they want themselves! This is intolerable for a democratic government!"

Threat

Most of the workers came from the Renault and Citroen auto plants. They were sent in a delegation which was received by members of the Communist Party. One member of the labour delegation told the United Press:

"We are just staging this small demonstration so the Government can see what we think. If they do not understand, we will have a demonstration running into tens of thousands and find other means of making them understand."

Only Assemblymen and newsmen were allowed into the Assembly building and outside the workers marched up and down, shouting: "Down with the Schuman plan—we want a living wage!"—United Press.

Premier's Warning

The Premier had warned that if the Commission again rejected these measures the Government would be forced to ask for a vote of confidence. Steps should be taken immediately, he said, to prevent "inflationary gangrene" from destroying the French social order.

"We are here to fight inflation. That is the mission of our Government. Throw us out if you wish," he said.

The stabilisation of the internal financial machinery was essential in view of the imminent Big Three talks to discuss Mr. George C. Marshall's "Save Europe" plan.

In his address to the Assembly, M. Ramadier said that the Government was returning the austerity measures to the Fin-

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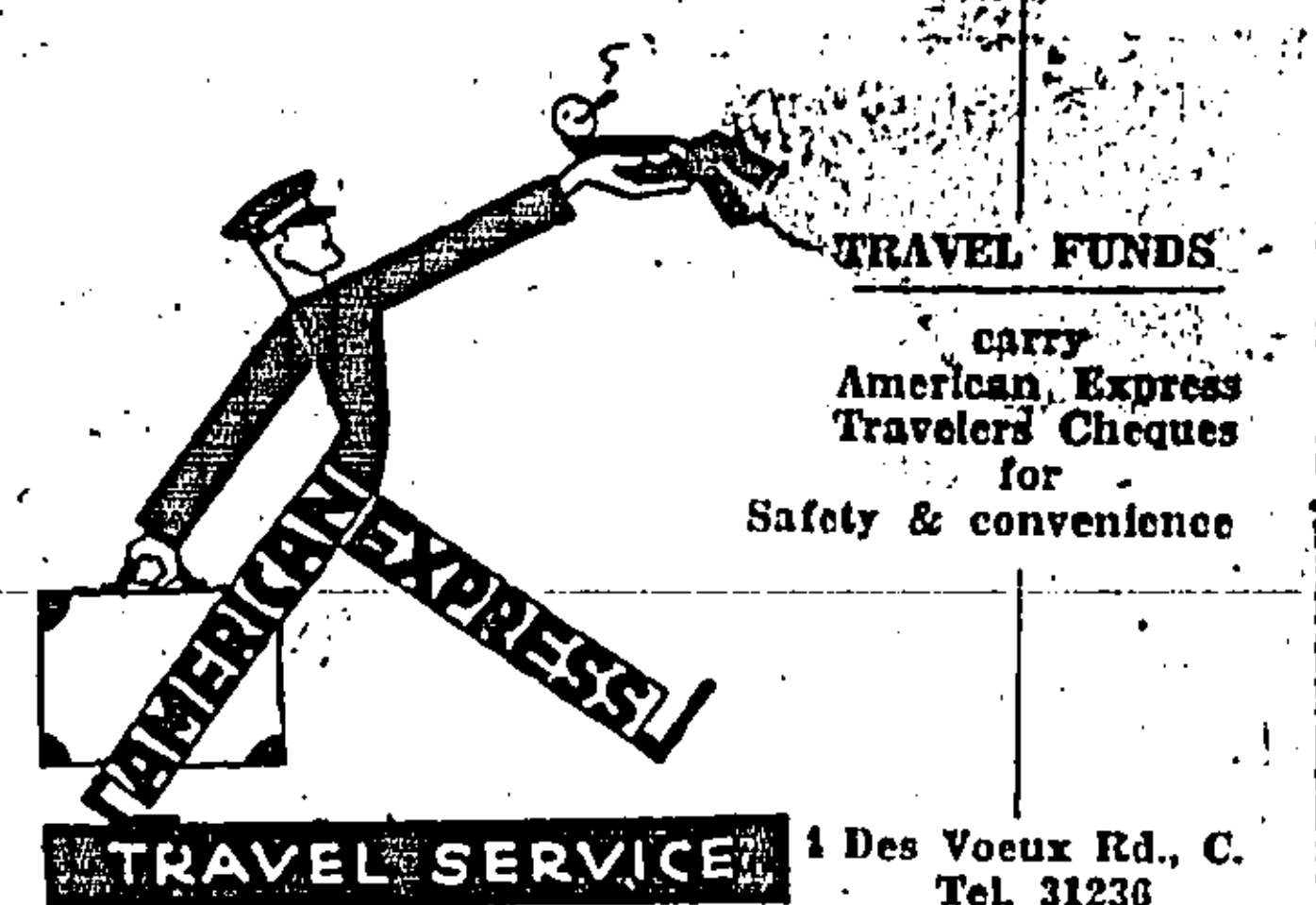
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held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, on Thursday 26th June,
1947, at 11 a.m. for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to sanction the declara-
tion of a Dividend and Bonus
and to re-elect Directors and
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
12th to 26th June, 1947, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

J. D. THOMSON
Manager.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1947.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Double Tenth Race Meeting October 1947.

Tickets (at \$2 each) for the
Special Cash Sweep on the
"Kwongtung Handicap" which
will be run at the above Meet-
ing can now be obtained at
the Office of the Treasurer, 1st
Floor, Exchange Building, and
also at the Branch Office in
Nathan Road, Kowloon.

By Order
S. A. SLEAP
Actg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st June 1947.

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BRITISH PROTEST TO U.S.A. OVER JAPANESE WHALING

MacArthur Decision Causes Rumpus

London, June 24.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Britain has pro-
tested to the United States against American
authorisation of a new Japanese whaling ex-
pedition to the Antarctic. Britain fears, he
said, that a Japanese whaling fleet "might one
day become the basis of a new navy." Addi-
tionally, the spokesman said Britain deems it
too early for the Japanese flag to appear on the
high seas, presumably because the Japanese
peace treaty has not yet been written.

The spokesman said Britain submitted a series of
objections to the United States State Depart-
ment after the Japanese were allowed to send
out whale hunters last summer.

These objections later were
waived, he said, after the United
States Government promised there
would be prior consultation with
the Allied States interested be-
fore a second authorisation was
granted to the Japanese. But last
April reports that a new Japanese
expedition was being planned
reached Britain, the spokesman
added.

Accordingly, the State Depart-
ment was again approached with
the same objections. The State
Department, he said, apparently
ignored the British objections
and authorised the expedition.

Britain thereupon protested
against the United States action
two weeks ago in a note that
drew attention to what the Brit-
ish deemed to be a broken prom-
ise.

The second Japanese whaling
expedition was planned for
November of this year, the spokes-
man said.

He made all his statements in
response to questions.
Britain's action followed con-
sultation with the governments of
Australia, New Zealand and Nor-
way.

Objections

Objections expressed included:
—There had been no consultation
with interested governments be-
fore the Japanese were allowed
to go on their first expedition;
Japanese whale processing and

Acknowledged

Washington, June 23.

The U.S. State Department today
acknowledged receipt of the
British note protesting against a
further Japanese whaling ex-
pedition and regretted that it is
not able to do anything about it.

The protest was based on the
following grounds: 1. The Japan-
ese poor record as whalers; 2.
The security situation in the
Antarctic; 3. Britain, Norway
and other countries have gone to
great expense to outfit whalers to
catch a limited total of 16,000
blue whales; 4. The Japanese are
retaining whale meat for con-
sumption, which means less whale
oil is expressed as compared with
other whaling ships; 5. Countries
like Britain, France, and Norway,
which are badly in need of fats,
should have priority over former
aggressor nations.

It added that Britain regards
Gen. MacArthur's action as
unilateral.—United Press.

Vigorous Protest By Norway

Washington, June 23.

A Norwegian diplomatic source said today that
the Norwegian Embassy handed a further aide
memoire to the State Department last week,
again vigorously protesting against a further
Japanese expedition to the Antarctic on the
ground that such an expedition would not be
efficient and the annual "16,000 blue whale
units could be well taken care of by the Nor-
wegian and other highly efficient whaling
fleets."

The source said the Norwegian diplomat who
handed in the aide memoire got the impres-
sion that it was useless to make any more de-
marches due to the fact that the United States
Government had decided to let General Mac-
Arthur go ahead with plans for an expedition.

A United States government
official said that so far the
Australian Ambassador has
not sent any communication re-
garding Australia's attitude on
Gen. MacArthur's decision for
a further Japanese whaling ex-
pedition. The official said if
Australia sent a communication
to the State Department there
has not been time yet for it
to be distributed to the inter-
ested officials.

He said if there is truth in
the report from Canberra that
Australia offered officers and
men to operate the Japanese
whaling fleet then the answer
is:—

Four Questions

1. How do you get a six-
foot Australian into a five-foot
Japanese bunk?

2. How would the Australia-
nians react to the hygienic and
the generally cramped condi-
tions aboard the Japanese whal-
ing ships?

3. Who would pay the high
costs of Australian wages?

4. Would the Australians
get whale meat, which is essen-
tial to the Japanese diet?

Referring to the reported
comparison of Japanese whalers
in the Antarctic and the Japan-
ese fishing boats off the Cali-
fornian coast, he said the
parallel is not true.

A whaling source said that
before the war if the Japanese
fished off California or the
Hawaiian coast they were not
under supervision with regard
to their movements or their
catch.

Not True

But the Japanese whalers in
the Antarctic will be under
constant supervision as the
last expedition had Allied ob-
servers, plus one Australian and
one British Inspector, and those

"ELIZABETH" NOT DAMAGED

Southampton, White Star
A Cunard White Star
spokesman said on Monday
that the Company's flagship
"Queen Elizabeth" was not
damaged when she went
aground last April near
Southampton.

The ship's hull has just
been examined in drydock. The
spokesman said she would
leave the drydock Monday
afternoon and sail for New
York on Wednesday.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Around The World

June 23.

VIENNA:—The Minister of
Finance, Hans Zimmern,
said today that the ending of
Austrian payments to sustain
American occupation troops
would be a "gigantic relief for
the Austrian State budget" and
"improve the stability of
our currency."

MUNICH:—The Berchtes-
gaden Denazification Tribunal
said today that Frau Elisabeth
Toll, wife of the late Fritz
Toll, "West Wall" builder,
will appear before them next
month, probably on charges of
being a Class One Nazi.

COLOGNE:—Over 12,000
striking workers at 15 factories
returned to work today after
several days' walkout and it is
believed the ration cuts which
prompted the strikes have been
restored.

MARGATE:—Pathologist
Dr. W. J. Purdy suggested at
the inquest today on Miss
Charles Edith Wragg that the
29-year-old school teacher died
of a weight on the brain, caused
by an unpleasant dream. He
did not elucidate.

LISBON:—The Portuguese
footballer, Rogério Carvalho,
will leave tomorrow with a con-
tract for a year from the Bota-
fogo Club at a monthly fee of
10,000 cruzeiros plus a per-
centage bonus. The Benfica
Club is scheduled to leave on
July 9 by plane for Rio to play
several matches.—United Press.

GUERRILLA CASUALTIES

Athens, June 23.

The Ministry of Public Order
today stated that 2,651 Greek
guerrillas have been killed be-
tween April 1 and June 20 in
battles with the Greek Govern-
ment forces.

The statement added that
714 have been wounded, 2,279
captured and 1,312 surrendered
during this period.—Reuter.

urgent food crisis in Japan by
supplying whole meat and ob-
taining dollars by selling whale
oil under International Emer-
gency Food Council supervision.

If the Australians know of
any other way of supplying
food to Japan then the United
States would welcome any practical
suggestions.—United
Press.

Hungary "Must Be Pushed To Left"

Budapest, June 23.

The Hungarian President, Zoltan Tildy, in an in-
terview published in the newspaper "Vilagos-
sag" said today that the people of Hungary
must be pushed to the Left in a programme of
cooperation with the Soviet Union.

"It is our duty to secure the
confidence of the Soviet Union,"
Tildy said. "We have to believe
in peace. Those who hope for a
new war do not know how
strong the Soviet Union is. Re-
garding the future, we have to
move to the Left and we also
have to push the people of
Hungary to the Left."

Ex-Premier Ferenc Nagy, ac-
cording to President Tildy, was
not capable of handling his job.

Re M. Nagy

"Regarding Nagy, I can state
that his abilities were not suf-
ficient for the tasks. He had no
judgment and power turned his
head. He didn't read and he
didn't learn," Tildy said.

In a speech on Sunday, the
Communist Minister of the In-
terior, Laszlo Rajk, charged
that Deszoo Suljok's Freedom
Party was a party of "Hun-
garian Fascists." He said the
Communists wanted no coup
d'etat but only "internal peace."
—United Press.

London Stamp Bourse

London, June 23.

Stamps worth about £500,000
will be exchanged by dealers
from eight countries in the three
days of the first postwar inter-
national stamp bourse which
opened in London today.

Dealers, including representa-
tives from the United States,
France, Scandinavia and Egypt,
had tables at the Philatelic
Traders' Society, stacked with
sheets, boxes and albums of
stamps.

Because of Board of Trade
restrictions, their business must

Financial Aid To Burma Queries

London, June 23.

Financial aid to Burma was raised in the House of
Commons at question time today when Sir
Stanley Reed (Conservative) asked the Un-
der-Secretary of State for Burma, Mr. Arthur
Henderson, what proportion of the £12,000,000
contributed by the British Government to-
wards the deficit in Burma's 1946-1947 budget
was absorbed in the payment of salaries.

He also wanted to know what proportion of the
£18,375,000 towards the current year's fiscal
rehabilitation project was being spent on re-
pairing the destruction of British assets
wrecked in order to deny their use by the
Japanese invaders.

Mr. Henderson replied:
"Both contributions are part
of a general advance towards
meeting the Burmese budget de-
ficit and the rehabilitation of
her economy for the financial
year October 1946 to September
1947."

"While the precise infor-
mation asked for in the first part
of the question is not available,
the estimated total expenditure
is approximately £33,000,000, of
which approximately £12,500,000
is in respect of salaries, exclu-
sive of those for the frontier
areas, and the estimated re-
venue approximately £20,000,000.

"As to the second part, the
actual proportion of the British
Government's contribution to
the project to be expended on
restoring British-owned assets
destroyed by denial measures is
not ascertainable, as the assets
so destroyed have not been
separately valued from those
destroyed by other war opera-
tions, and in many cases they
will be replaced in a different
form."

It would permit the President
to turn over U.S. guns, planes,
ships and other military equip-
ment to the Latin American na-
tions and Canada and to train
their soldiers and sailors. In
return, the President could ac-
cept any benefit, direct or in-
direct, which he found satisfac-
tory.—Associated Press.

It Is A Gift

Earl Winterton (Conserva-
tive) said: "Surely you can
give us information to enable us
to see how this money has been
spent, because it is a gift."

Mr. Henderson said that he
did not think there would be
any secret as to the way in
which the money had been
spent. The difficulty was in
breaking down the expenditure
of the amount advanced to
cover the deficit, and items of
expenditure by the Burmese
Government during the current
financial year.

He would do his best to sup-
ply any information which Lord
Winterton or any other mem-
ber wanted, if they put down a
question.—Reuter.

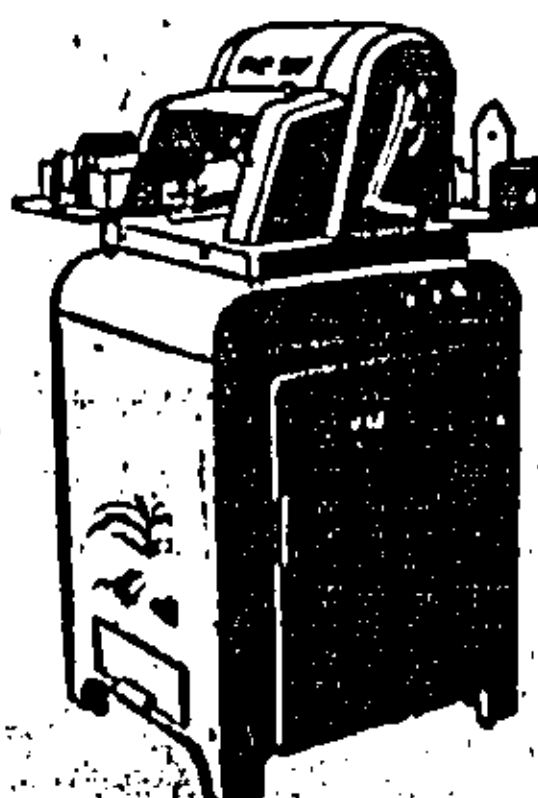
TREATY WITH RUMANIA

London, June 23.

The British and United
States Governments are now
ready to deposit their ratifica-
tion of the peace treaty with
Rumania, said Mr. Christopher
Mayhew, Under-Secretary for
Foreign Affairs, when asked in
the House of Commons today
about the delay in the ratifica-
tion of the treaty.

The Foreign Secretary, he
said, was at present communicat-
ing with the Soviet and United
States Government to fix an
early date on which all three
ratifications might be deposited,
thus bringing the treaty into
force.—Reuter.

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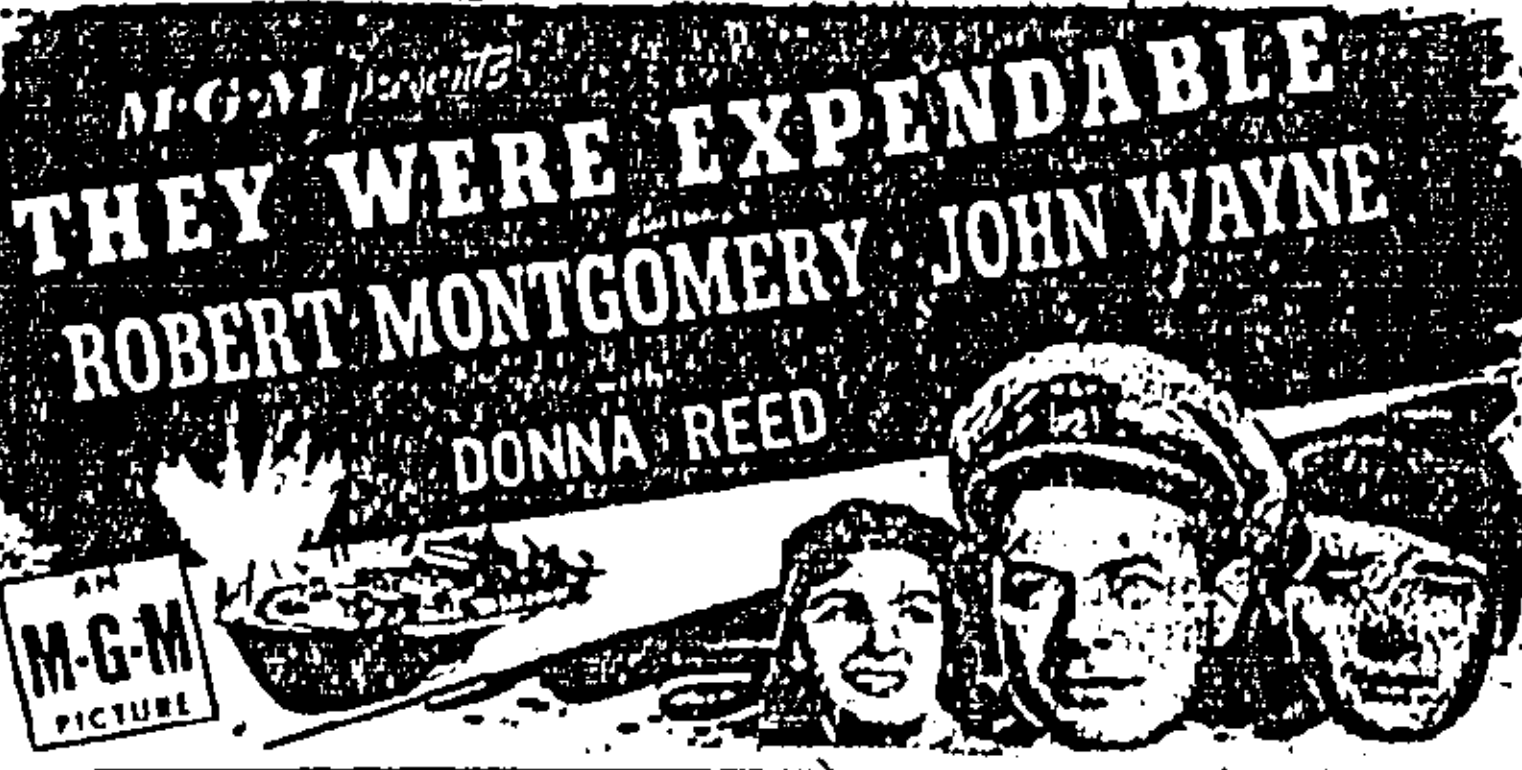
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AN APPEAL FROM FOOCHOW

Restoration Of Episcopal Church

Repairing War Damage

An appeal for funds for the restoration of St. John's Episcopal Church in Foochow has been received by the "China Mail" from the Rev. David M. Paton, Chaplain, J. G. P. Wilson, Trustee, and other church officials. The church, known as the "Stone Church" has stood in Foochow since 1859.

Pointing out that the number of foreign residents in Foochow has dwindled to the point "they are unable to do more than maintain the church," the appeal says the church has never before "been forced to be the subject of an appeal for funds."

By comparison with some other buildings in Foochow, the church suffered lightly during and after the Japanese occupation. The structure is intact, and all the seating and other fittings remain. That the church enjoyed such good fortune is due to its patient defence by the Chinese Church leaders, who also helped to get it open again for services within three weeks of the arrival of the present Chaplain.

Methodist Help

In the three and a half months that the Church has been open, the congregation has contributed C\$1,500,000. This has not only covered running expenses, but also some necessary minor repairs have been done, and the Chinese Church has been repaid the money expended on the Church between the end of the occupation and the return of the Foreign Community. Former missionaries in Foochow, now in England, have been asked to replace the organ. The American Methodist Mission in Foochow has very generously offered to provide as a gift the wire necessary for the re-wiring.

Individuals and Missions in Foochow have done and are continuing to do all that can be expected of what is now a small community with financial problems of its own; and what has already been done is considerable. Nevertheless it is obvious that an adequate programme of rehabilitation requires funds which are beyond the resources of the Foreign Community in Foochow.

Bank Accepting Donations

It is estimated the sum to be raised outside Foochow is HK\$5,000, and the Church appeals to the Foreign firms which have or have had representatives in Foochow, and to all who have cared for the Church, as residents or because of personal links with it.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation have kindly agreed to accept donations in Hongkong in Hongkong dollars, and in Shanghai in Chinese National currency. Such donations will be acknowledged in due course from Foochow.



For Shining Brassware

Y.M.C.A. Revue

For The Services

The hearty reception accorded every item in the "Revue" presented by the "Y" in the West Lounge last night clearly demonstrated that such a show, put on specially for the Services, would always go over big.

The "Girls Chorus," (comprising the Misses Winifred Ingram, Mollie Carrie, Norma Dedear, Thelma Meyer, Joan Bradbury and Birch) was the main attraction—and, one may add, rightly so for each of them has such beauty and talent been combined.

The "Guest Star" of the evening, Benny Santos of the Paramount Ballroom, delighted the audience with three beautifully rendered songs; while Norma Dedear's two songs nearly brought the house down.

The one-act play, a satire on the "eternal triangle," kept the audience in continuous laughter. Winifred Ingram was really delightful as the "wronged wife" of artist Gerald Page (played by Lt. Jack Anderson of the Fleet Air Arm).

Fees And Charges

Increased

An all-round increase in fees and charges followed the passing by the Urban Council yesterday of amendments to by-laws to various Public Health Ordinances and other regulations.

The fees and charges affected include licences, aerated water factories, bake-houses, food preserving establishments, licences for the sale of beef, mutton, pork, fish, poultry, fruit and vegetables in premises outside a public market, transport of carcasses, licence fees for cattle, swine, sheep and goats, cemetery fees, licence fees for dairies, keratines and offensive trades, laundries, bird shop licences, charges for feeding dogs and birds in aggregation, fees for housing of cattle and pigs other than in a slaughter-house, and fees for destruction and cremation of animals.

Fees charged by the Veterinary Surgeon for official examination of animals and food products for export are also set out.

Conservancy charges in Hong Kong and Kowloon are increased to \$10 per annum per floor for domestic premises in urban districts, and \$12 per pan per annum in non-domestic premises. In the hill district the charge is \$9 per calendar month in premises where not more than three pans are in use and pro rata for any number of pans in excess of three. Payment is payable in advance on April 1.

Explaining the increases the Chairman, Dr. J. P. Feilly, O.B.E., who moved the amendments, said they had been made necessary by the increased cost of supervision. As regards the various licence fees, care had been taken to keep the increases down to the lowest possible level so as not to provide any ground for licencees to call upon their customers for an increase in prices.

Appointment of Inspector Wong Yau-Sang to be a Health

"DAILY SUN" SUSPENDED

"Canton, June 24. The "Canton Daily Sun," the only English-language paper here, has suspended publication temporarily owing to financial difficulty. The lack of adequate advertising support is a cause of the failure, as very few foreign firms have opened up here.

The paper reappeared on September 24, 1946, and was published as an independent organ owned and edited by Chinese.—Associated Press.

Mah-Jongg

Game His Alibi

Chau Cheung, unemployed, was given the benefit of the doubt by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he advanced the alibi that, at the time of the crime, he was playing mah-jongg.

Chau was accused of having snatched a wristwatch from Wong Yuk-wah, spinster, while she was walking along Nathan Road at about 9.20 p.m. on Sunday.

In evidence, the girl stated that a man, dressed in a blue suit, came up from behind, caught hold of her wrist, and snatched her watch. She raised the alarm and started to run after him, but the heel of her shoe twisted and she had to go home to change into another pair. She then reported to the Police Station.

Accompanied by a Chinese detective, she said, she went out to look for the thief, and, at Temple Street, pointed to a man. He began to walk away but was chased and arrested by the detective.

In reply to his worship, witness said that she could not be 100 per cent certain that accused was the man. She could only be "80 per cent sure," she said.

Accused claimed that he was in the Kai Kee Mah-Jongg School from 3 p.m. to about 9.15 p.m. that day, and that after leaving the "school" he went to pay an account to a cooked-food hawk.

He had just returned to the "school" when he was pointed out to the detective by the girl. Accused offered to call the mah-jongg school keeper and the cooked-food hawk as his witnesses.

Nazeing, June 23. Twelve aircraft were destroyed and hangars badly damaged at the Herts and Essex Aero Club, Broxbourne airfield, in Nazeing, Essex, early today when the staff woke to find the hangars ablaze. They managed to drag three planes to safety.—Reuter.



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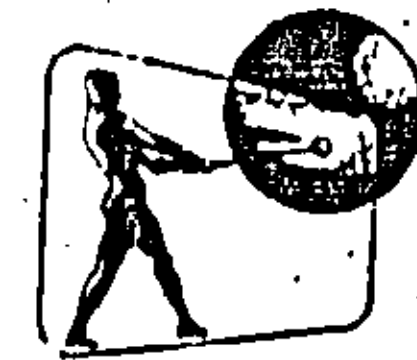
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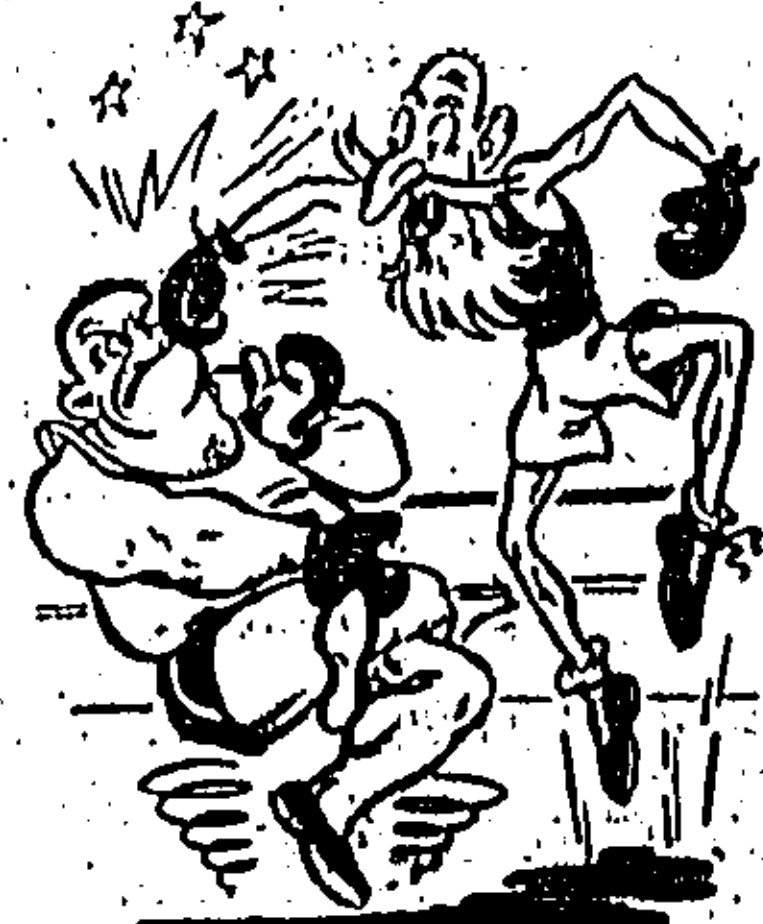
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DEATH

MEDLEY: Al Victoria, B. C. Canada, on June 22nd, 1947, after a short illness, Mrs. Esther Medley, dearly loved Mother of John, Charles and Peggy.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE PLANS

Australia's decision not to receive compulsory military training has been criticized by a number of retired senior officers and by ex-servicemen's organizations, and the Leader of the Opposition urged that under the Australian programme, Britain would have to continue to carry a burden out of proportion to her population. Yet Australia's military "five-year plan" represents a great advance on previous peace-time programmes. Its naval section is intended to build up a gradually balanced force, capable of operating as a separate unit. Its main feature is the provision of two light fleet carriers, and it also includes two cruisers and six destroyers. It is proposed to establish a naval base at Manus Island, about which there has been some controversy, in the Admiralty Islands, and Australia has said she will welcome arrangements for its joint use by the United States on principle of reciprocity. The total permanent strength of the Army will be nineteen thousand. Behind this will stand a citizen force of approximately fifty thousand, but, since the principle of compulsory service has been abandoned, its strength will naturally depend on recruitment. Apart from coast defence troops, administrative units and educational and training establishments, the permanent establishment will constitute a field force of an independent brigade of all arms, which will for the time being be stationed in Japan. The permanent Air Force will number sixteen squadrons. Out of a total expenditure of £250,000,000 during five years, a large proportion is put down for research and development. Mr. Dedman informed Canberra that the main item in scientific development was the experiment with guided missiles, and that it had been undertaken after consultation with the British Government about the best way in which Australia could help in this field. The Programme has still to be approved and only the outline of it is yet available, but it would seem to be based upon sound views and a sense of responsibility.

NAVAL TRAINING

The proposed changes in the early training of officers who enter the Navy through the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth affect only half the naval officers of the future, for roughly a quarter of the commissioned officers of the Navy are drawn from the lower deck and another quarter from "special entry" by open competition at the age of eighteen. Hitherto, Dartmouth cadets have entered at the age of thirteen and a half and have spent nearly four years there before going to sea as midshipmen. From next year, they are to enter at sixteen and will spend less than two years there, so that the age of going to sea will not be substantially altered. In future, Dartmouth cadets, like the rest of the population, will rely on the general education system of the country up to school certificate stage and the Navy will be relieved of the very substantial cost entailed by maintaining an expensive establishment to duplicate what is obtainable elsewhere. The most important change is that no fees are to be charged to the parents of any cadet. One question which presents itself forcefully to many, remains untouched by the changes now announced. Why, if the other services find it essential to put all officers through a period of service in the ranks, is the Navy able to dispense with that requirement in three-quarters of its officers? One answer proffered by the advocates of the present naval system is that, since

The American Scene: Truman's New Popularity

The Republican Party, divided against itself, is coming apart at the seams.

One faction, led by ultra-conservative Senator Taft, is racing back to the economic isolationism of the '20's, while the more liberal group, led by Vandenberg, is struggling to keep the party on the "one-world" rails.

After a week which saw the Republicans divided down the middle on every major issue—atomic energy, control, tariffs, foreign policy—Senator Wayne Morris warned his fellow Republicans that "a return to the mistakes of the '20's will, and should, bring defeat."

The Republican flirtation with disaster is a bonanza for President Truman. For the first time since the turn of the century, approximately 95 per cent. of the newspapers are backing a Democratic President. Not like the old Roosevelt days!

The battle over Lillenthal has churned up a tempest within the Republican stronghold, with the Liberals infuriated at the spectacle of their party seemingly following the dictation of the vindictive Southern Democrats who are venting their own spleen on a loyal public servant.

The Republican attempt to slash the President's budget by 6,000,000 dollars is hailed across the country as "the wrong way to budget," and there are loud noises to the effect that the proposed cut in military expenditures is "the worst kind of short-sightedness."

President Truman feels so good about the sudden popularity of his policies that he is going off on a two weeks' holiday.

Job-hungry ladies are gangling up on the President, and it appears he had better start

handing them some plums or else.

The fair sex has gone so far as to accuse him of neglecting them—dangerous charge against any politician, because women voters out-number men.

The heat put on by Democratic ladies led to rumors that the President may appoint a woman to the Court of St. James.

Democrats in the House have the Republicans whipped on one count—number of relatives on their payrolls.

After checking the record, Representative Sabath, Democrat, decided the Republicans like to orate but not legislate.

He said that in the first month of the new Congress Republicans in the House made 138 speeches, compared to 18 by Democrats, an average of almost nine speeches a day for the Republicans, who in that period passed only two bills.

Fala, the late President Roosevelt's dog, still figures in Congressional debate. In the course of a discussion of what constituted public papers, a Senator disclaimed that letters addressed to Fala, and subsequently removed from the White House with other personal Roosevelt papers, were public property since Fala was not a public official!

Stars In Spotlight

Scores of prominent Americans vied under the spotlight turned on them by Frederic Wolman, writer for the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, who revealed Rita Hayworth, Albert Einstein and Yehudi Menuhin were three of a galaxy of celebrities listed as supporters of the "Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee."

It turns out that this sup-

'The Shiners' Weren't Typical Irishmen

Ottawa, June 24.

The Irish Historical Society has been represented before the City Council in this Canadian capital to express resentment over Ottawa history which represents the Irishman as the type who causes trouble here.

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The Military Forces of England—"In the midst of the confusion of monetary pressure and commercial distress, the disturbances and convulsions which desolate Ireland and the critical state of foreign affairs, nothing concerns England so deeply as the military institutions of the country. It is known by the whole world, and particularly by those governments which, perhaps, hope to profit by the circumstances, that England is neither protected by a standing army nor by a popular militia force. The people of England are, of all Europe, the people most unused to bearing military arms and most averse to military service, and it is consequently necessary to subject them to the longest course of training to make soldiers of them. One consequence is the decline of British influence abroad as the military power of the country forms a ridiculous contrast to the tone which Viscount Palmerston loves to assume in diplomatic negotiations; in addition there is a real threat of invasion from the side of the French which this country can no longer afford to look at with indifference." From "The Times."

BAL MASQUE At the Old Court House, Wellington St., commencing at 8 o'clock. Tickets at \$4 each to be had at the several storekeepers. (N.B. Refreshments served.)

naval training, for the majority, must aim at qualifying an officer to take charge of any ship at sea as an officer of the watch, at least by the time he is twenty-two years of age, there is no time for a spell of lower deck service, which can contribute nothing towards that end. Another is that, since it is very doubtful if the lower deck can provide the numbers of officers needed, of the standard required, their entry through other channels cannot be discontinued. Neither is completely convincing, and if the need for ranker service in the Army and Air Force is accepted, the question of the naval officer will clearly have to be given further consideration.

New B.I. Steamer Completed

London, June 19: The latest vessel for trading in the Far East has just been completed in Britain. It is the new British India S.N. "Companys" "Sengola," a twin-screw passenger and cargo motor ship.

She is of 9,500 tons gross and has been built by Barclay, Curle and Company, Ltd., at Clydebank. She is intended for services between Calcutta, the Straits Settlements and the Far East and also between India and Australia.

Her passenger accommodation includes provision for 21 in the first class, 30 in the second class, 40 in "B" second class, and for 2,000 passengers not berthed. Five thousand cubic feet of cargo space are insulated.—L.P.S.

posedly worthy group was a front for the Communist Party in America, and that donations were used to support the activities of Gerhard Eisler, now under detention as the chief Communist agent in U.S.

This, coupled with similar disclosures of Communist activities within the trade unions, has completely befuddled American thinking.

Many prominent writers, with William Shirer of "Berlin Diary" fame in the vanguard, bewail the mounting hysteria over Communism in America, but nobody knows what is to be done about it.

Current thinking on the subject of Communism and/or Russia is reflected in a cartoon which shows "Mr. Milquetoast," the most modest of modest little men, assuring his burly boss: "Russian bank? Oh, good gracious no! I haven't played it in months."

Recent arrivals from England predict that Winston Churchill will be "hoisted into the saddle again."

But they wisely refrain from estimating when. Some observers here are suggesting that if keeping the Empire together means a continuation of the present industrial crisis in Britain, "it is time to junk the Empire."

At the 71st Annual Westminster Kennel Club Show at Madison Square Garden 2698 of dogdom's finest were shown. Warlord—a boxer with a chest like that of an operatic diva—won.

Boxers automatically become the most fashionable of dogs, and you can buy a fine little pup for about \$1300.

A sportsman commented: "A guy could buy 12 boxers at Stillman's Gym for that kind of money and have less trouble taking care of them."

It was difficult to decide which was more entertaining at the dog show—the entrants or the exhibitors.

Photographers had a glorious time with a woman Chihuahua fancier, who carried her dog in her handbag. When she fished him out, the Mexican wore a sweater festooned with hairless dog was wearing a fuzzy purple angora sweater.

A gent leading a dachshund wore a sweater festooned with dachshunds knitted into it, and another lady wore her hair in a topknot to match that adorning the snooty brow of her French poodle.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

CONFESSES HE FORGOT

THERE IS so much re-remembrance about partners blaming one another for a defeat that it is refreshing when a good sportsman voluntarily assumes the responsibility for loss of a match. Fortunately, this does happen once in a while. And it is one of the finest things that can occur to develop a still more harmonious and efficient partnership in the future.

These, Braut wrote, "thought nothing of moving furniture out of the houses of their enemies and putting it on the street during the night, or beating quiet passers-by..... and even of taking a corpse out from a hearse during a funeral and leaving it on the street after dispersing terrified followers."

Over-Emphasis

The Irish feel too much emphasis is put on some of the over-abundant things some Irish people did and not enough on the good things. Braut, who is of French descent, says the "old Ottawa's scene if the omissions were made."

Ottawa's population is roughly half French and half British descent. Mayor Stanley Lewis is of English ancestry.—Associated Press.

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 C	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 H	Pass	7 H	

This was the very last hand scheduled in the team championship of the Inter-College Club League in New York. The combination Pennsylvania-Williams team was North-South when that bidding was done. Walter Reinecke of the Williams club was in the North and J. Renton Haney of the Pennsylvania club in the South. Both reckoned that, since their team was some 1600 points behind at the halfway mark in the match, radical measures were needed to prevent defeat. That spurred them to reaching for the grand slam.

It happened, however, that their teammates at another table had done so well that the 1600 points had already been made up, and any kind of good score here would have given their team the title. When the heart grand slam was set two tricks, however, by East's concealed weapon consisting of six trumps, three teams wound up in a tie, the other two being Columbia and Princeton. In the playoff, Columbia beat Pennsylvania.

After the game, Mr. Haney assumed blame for the defeat. "I wanted Walter to be the declarer because he is such a magnificent player," he said, "so put the grand slam into the hearts he had bid. I realized that No Trump would be safer, but for the moment was under the impression I would then be declarer because of my Blackwood bids. I failed, until afterward, to recall his 2-No Trumps on the second round."

Why can't more partners be like "Ren" Haney? It would be a fine thing for the game.

SA 8 8
H A J 7
D K Q J 3
C A Q J 10

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 C	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 H	Pass	7 H	

SA 8 8
H A J 7
D K Q J 3
C A Q J 10

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

What principle should influence South's bidding after North opens with 2-No Trumps?

SA 8 8
H A J 7
D K Q J 3
C A Q J 10

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H A J 7
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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Yeah, I gotta thumb through their child psychology books once in a while so's I can tell what they're up to!"

Humberto-Exile In Portugal

Ex-King Humberto of Italy, ex-Queen Maria Jose and their children are spending most of their exile in a cottage known as "Quinta da Bela Vista," which is situated between Sintra and the village of Colares.

When the family took possession last June, modern conveniences were very few, and only since the ex-King and his family have come to live there have electric lights and telephones been installed.

The Portuguese authorities consider Humberto and his entourage to be privileged guests and have given them the privilege of double ration cards, which is enjoyed by the Diplomatic Corps, as well as special customs facilities for tobacco, wines and champagnes. Installing electric lights in the cottage, too, was not a simple matter, as the region had previously been without electric power.

The "Quinta da Bela Vista" is a two-storey house of no special architectural merits. On the ground floor a large entrance hall leads into a large drawing room uncomfortably furnished with old furniture. To the right of the entrance

hall are the dining room and the kitchen and service rooms. Some time ago Humberto bought an old satisfactory table for the dining room, and the proprietor of the second hand furniture shop who sold it to him kept it in the shop for about four days, showing to everybody as "the table the King of Italy bought."

To the left of the entrance hall are a large room where the four children study and play, the children's small dining room, the bedroom study of Sir Aldo Castellani, Physician to the Royal Household, and a small writing room.

On the first floor are Humberto's and Maria Jose's bedrooms. Humberto occupies a large corner room which is also his private study and library. Next to this room, in what was intended to be a small dressing room, is the study of his personal secretary and librarian.

Maria Jose too has a large corner room. In a room nearby sleeps the Duchess Sorrentino, an old friend who now acts as her lady-in-waiting.

The three small Princesses and the Prince of Naples, and their two governesses—Italian and Irish—have back rooms on the first floor.

Other rooms are occupied by Maria Jose's laundry maid, who has been with the ex-Queen since she was 12 years old; the children's maid and the personal valet of Humberto. In a small annex are the quarters of the seven Portuguese servants and an Italian chauffeur.

The Gentlemen in Waiting have been installed in a former hunting lodge in the grounds.

The Royal children have their breakfast downstairs, while the ex-King and his wife and the Ladies and Gentlemen in waiting have theirs served in their rooms. Humberto and Maria Jose usually have a light breakfast of black coffee or tea and try toast.

If Humberto and Maria Jose have no social engagements, they always take lunch with 12-year-old Princess Maria Pia and the nine-year-old Prince Vittorio. Emmanuel, while six-year-old Princess Maria Gabriella and three-year-old Princess Maria Beatrice eat in the nursery. The meals are frugal and simply cooked.

Humberto is a keen newspaper reader and every day listens to Rome Radio's news bulletins and speeches and comments by Italian politicians. The former Royal Family has an income, but it is not sufficient to allow spending on a Royal scale. They must economize in all things, and some months ago Humberto rejected the offer of a Lisbon house on the grounds that the rent of about US\$800 a month was too high.—United Press.

GERMAN PAPER SUSPENDED

Herford, June 23.

The Dortmund Communist newspaper, "Westdeutscher Volksknecht," was today suspended from publication for one month for "unjust and one-sided criticism of the British and American Military Governments and the German Administration." This is the first suspension by British authorities of a German newspaper since the beginning of the occupation.—Reuter.

SENATE OVER-RIDES VETO

Taft-Hartley Labour Bill Is Now Law

Questions On Lord Killearn

London, June 23. The functions of Lord Killearn, High Commissioner for Southeast Asia, were the subject of a question in the House of Commons today by the Conservative Member, Mr. Walter Fletcher.

He asked if this post was to be made permanent. "In view of its inevitable overlapping with the functions of the governor-general and governor."

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied: "Lord Killearn is responsible for advising the British Government in the United Kingdom on problems affecting the conduct of foreign affairs in Southeast Asia."

He added that the functions of the governor-general and governor are charged with the coordination of policy in the British colonial dependencies within his sphere, and the governors are responsible for the administration of their respective territories. These are functions quite distinct from those of Lord Killearn.

"The future of this post has not yet been decided and I am not in a position to make a statement about it at present."

—Reuter.

Widespread Series Of Strikes?

Washington, June 23. The Republican labour reform bill became law over President Truman's objections when the Senate overrode the President's veto of the measure, with six votes to spare.

The most sweeping set of labour restrictions in the nation's history automatically went into the statute books at 3.15 p.m. EDT when the Senate President, Arthur H. Vandenberg, formally announced that the chamber voted 68 to 25 to override the Presidential veto. This was six votes more than the necessary two-thirds majority of the 91 Senators voting.

The House on Friday voted 331 to 83 to override the veto. Twenty Democrats joined 48 Republicans in opposing the President while three Republicans voted with 22 Democrats to uphold him.

Taft Jubilant

Senator Robert A. Taft and Representative Fred A. Hartley, co-sponsors of the controversial labour bill, were jubilant over Senate action in overriding the President's veto.

Mr. Taft said the bill, outlawing closed shop and drastically revising the 12-year-old Wagner act to curb labour's bargaining powers, is expected to become the No. 1 domestic issue next year in the Presidential election.

The Republicans promptly called upon Mr. Truman to stamp out any efforts to "sabotage" its administration enforcement. The President of the American Federation of Labour, Mr. William Green, said the Federation would launch an immediate campaign for prompt repeal. The President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Mr. Philip Murray, did not immediately comment.

—United Press.

Protest

Birmingham, Ala., June 23. United Mine Workers in the Birmingham district protested enactment of the Taft-Hartley labour law with a walkout which is spreading rapidly through this rich coal, iron and steel area, where the UMW has 20,000 members.

The Alabama Mining Institute reported that 14 coal mines, most of them captive pits serving Birmingham steel companies, were closed by the walkout of approximately 6,500 UMW members. The Institute said the walkout was spreading and estimated that before the weekend 50-75 per cent of UMW membership in this area would be idle.

The walkout began abruptly within a hour after the Senate overrode President Truman's veto of the labour bill.—United Press.

CIO To Fight

San Francisco, June 23. Harry Bridges, West Coast leader of the Congress of Industrial Organizations International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, served notice today that his union would "fight back by organizing, striking and picketing" if employers used the new labour bill to deny workers their rights.

Simultaneously with an appeal from the San Francisco CIO council for a 24-hour nationwide work stoppage in protest against the Taft-Hartley bill, Bridges claimed the law was "Fascist legislation borrowed from Fascist dictators and tailored to fit the American industrial scene."

He criticized both major political parties for enacting the law and said "Labour's Black Monday" might lead to the formation of a new "Common Man" party by men in the American political scene.

"We are telling our members from this moment on to remember and lay the blame for this Fascist slave legislation on their employers," the union leader added.—United Press.

Mine Strike

Pittsburgh, June 23. Some 3,000 miners struck in three captive mines of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, protesting against the Taft-Hartley labour bill.

Industry spokesmen and observers predicted the strike would spread, but believed it would be disorganized.—United Press.

Miners Out

New York, June 24. Nineteen thousand coal workers have stopped work in 34 mines in the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Alabama. In protest against enactment by Congress of the Labour Bill, intended to limit trade union activities and put a brake on strikes throughout the country.

The miners were mostly those supplying fuel for the steel mills. Mr. R. E. Farris, head of the United Steel Workers of Birmingham and Alabama, said that 90 per cent of all organized labour would be on a protest strike within a week.—Reuter.

BATTLE WITH SMUGGLERS

Washington, June 23. The leader of a gang of alleged opium smugglers was seized today, together with US\$34,750 worth of opium, after a 45-minute gun battle near Mexico, the U.S. Treasury Department reports.—United Press.

NOTHING TO GLOAT OVER

New Delhi, June 23. Mr. Gandhi told his prayer meeting here tonight that the partition of India with a sub-division of provinces "put us on our mettle." He told his audience that there was nothing to gloat over in "the tragedy."

"We have hugged the belief that though we part we do so as friends and brothers belonging to one family," he said.—Reuter.

U.S. Naval Squadron In Rosyth

Rosyth, June 23. The United States battleship, "New Jersey," flying the flag of Admiral Richard L. Conolly, Commander of the United States Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, headed the squadron of nine warships at the anchorage off Rosyth today.

The nine ships are taking part in the first training cruise of American warships in that area for ten years. Also in the squadron are the battleship "Wisconsin," the aircraft carriers "Randolph" and "Kearny," the destroyers "Stribling," "O'Hare" and "Morehead," and the landing ship "Fort Mangan." Later on, two destroyers of the United States Navy Northern European Task Force, the "Beatty" and the "Hugh Purvis" arrived.

The ships will remain at Rosyth until Saturday, and will except "New Jersey" and "Randolph" will be open to the public.—Reuter.

Bandit War On Communism

Palermo, June 23. The police said tonight that they had received documentary evidence alleging that Sunday night's bomb and machinegun slaying of four men and the wounding of six others in Communist headquarters in villages near here was the start of an all-out Sicilian bandit war against Communism.

The authorities believed, however, that the attacks on Communists in Partinico and Carini, 23 and 15 miles west of Palermo, were the result of Rightist attempts to stem the growing Communist power on the island.

The police pointed out that the villages were very near Puma de Greco, scene of the May Day machine-gun massacre in which seven workers were killed and over a score wounded.

The death toll in the mass slaying 53 days earlier reached 11 when another body was found in a deep ditch near Puma de Greco.

"Robin Hood"

Allegations that both incidents were the work of the notorious bandit leader, Salvatore Giuliano, the "Sicilian Robin Hood," were made in statements dropped at the scene of the attacks and in letters sent to Sicilian newspapers and the police.

The police viewed the documents as an attempt to make the "guilt" of Giuliano divert attention from those actually responsible for the attacks. Giuliano's alleged statement, found at the blasted Communist headquarters, said:

"The decisive hour has struck in the war against the Communists... those men who cast themselves on the bosom of that terrible Russia must be wiped out at all costs... I have started battle without quarter to drive them from the island."—United Press.

SOVIET BREAD OUTPUT

London, June 23. All bakeries in the Soviet Union have been ordered to put their equipment in full working order in anticipation of the end of bread rationing in the autumn, the Moscow radio said today.

The consumption of bread is expected to increase very considerably when rationing ends, the radio added. The Soviet Government originally intended to end bread rationing last autumn but their plans were delayed because of drought in the wheat fields of the Ukraine.—Reuter.

GUNS OF RETRIBUTION STILL BARKING

(By Robert Musel)

London, June 23. The guns of war are silent now but all over Europe the guns of retribution still bark as the firing squad and hangman's noose kill by twos and threes the Quislings whose hands are stained with the blood of thousands.

What will be the final toll of traitors and collaborators no man can say. If they are lumped with the war criminals who are being tried by international tribunals then the number will rise into the thousands.

But of actual Quislings—men who sold out their own countries to Germany—there will only be a few scores. This is because the dividing line between war criminals and Quislings often is wiped out in the heat of national revenge.

France leads by far the countries which have sent their leading collaborators to death and this is perhaps natural, since its long occupation by Germany provided its important underground movement with all the evidence it needed.

Its firing squads have slain since the end of the war 624 small fry Gestapo informers, members of collaborationist militia and a handful of big shots including Pierre Laval, Fernand de Brinon, (former Vichy envoy to German authorities at Paris), writer Robert Brasillach and Jean Luchaire, newspaper owner.

A total of 5,390 other Frenchmen have been condemned to death but most of these sentences were in absentia.

Retribution

There were more executed in Czechoslovakia but about 450 were Germans and thus not actually in the Quisling category. In Bohemia-Moravia "retribution" was decreed June 9, 1945 and ended May 5, 1947. During that time, 24 People's Courts and one National Court sentenced 731 persons to death of whom some 20 were reprieved. Of this

number 293 were Quisling Czechs.

Hanging with a short noose after the body is hoisted up by a strap around the chest was the method used in most cases, except for a few military personalities killed by gunfire.

Slovakia still is operating under a retribution decree and so far there have been 36 death sentences, of which 25 have been carried out, headed by the Quisling leader Tiso.

Czechoslovakia claimed its revenge from such figures as Karl Franch, power behind the protectorate and directly responsible for Lidice, Harold Weissmann, Gestapo chief, who destroyed the town, and Dr. Vojtech Tuka, puppet Foreign Minister.

Denmark

Denmark executed 17 traitors all of whom were shot by police squads. They included the gang leaders Henning Brandum and Kaj Nielsen, who were charged with responsibility for the murder of 143 patriots.

Norway's firing squads took 15 lives since the end of the war. One of them was Quisling himself—the dishonoured officer whose betrayal of his country made his name a synonym for treachery. Also his second in command, Minister of the Interior William Hingelin and several torturers and informers.

Holland likewise executed 15 by shooting, including Anton Mursert, leader of the Dutch Nazi Party and Max Blokzijl, propaganda chief of the Dutch Nazi Party.

Italy executed only one quisling after the war. He was Guido Buffarini-Guidi, Minister of the Interior under Mussolini who was shot in September, 1945 after due trial. There were apparently many executions by partisans in Italy including the slaying of Mussolini, but it is impossible to determine the exact number.

Twelve In England

Finland did not execute any traitors. And England only hanged a dozen persons, six of whom were British, four Belgian and one Dutch. The Britons included John Amery and William ("Lord Haw-Haw") Joyce, both of whom were accused of aiding the Nazis by writings and broadcasts.

Figures for war criminal executions are incomplete. The last statistics, compiled this Spring, show that some 1,500 have been sentenced to death, with hundreds of accused still waiting trial by international tribunals.—United Press.

ASCAP On Cartel Charge

Washington, June 23. The Department of Justice today charged the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers—James C. Petrillo's union, which controls virtually all music in the United States—with engaging in an international cartel to deprive domestic and foreign music lovers of music.

ASCAP and 25 co-defendants were named in a civil suit filed by the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, in a Federal Court. They were said to be located in Australia, several European and Latin American countries and Canada.

The Department charged that ASCAP and its societies monopolize the circulation of world music through an organization known as "a Confederation Internationale des Societes de Compositeurs," which has headquarters in Paris.

It charged that thousands of United States musical outlets were prevented from getting music from abroad except through ASCAP, and United States musicians not members of ASCAP were prevented from getting their music played abroad.

The charge said ASCAP received US\$11,000,000 last year in licensing music users in the United States.—United Press.



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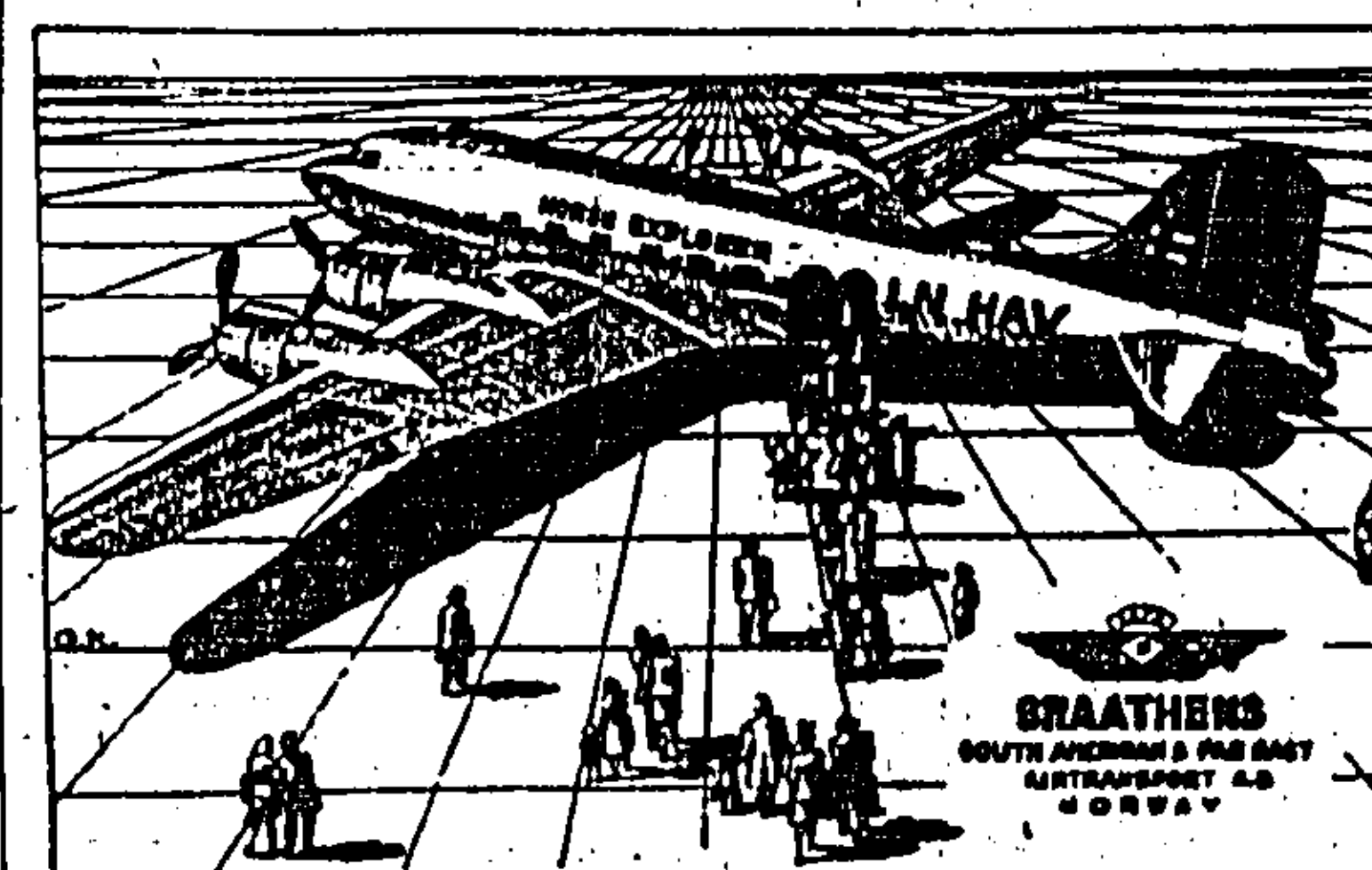
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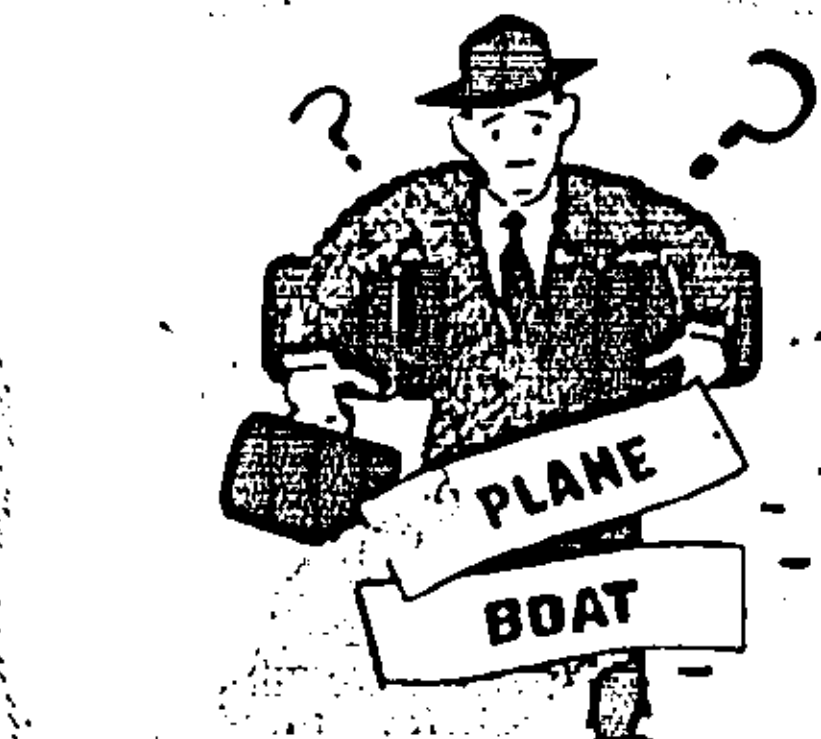
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CHINESE BUSINESSMEN AND JAPANESE TRADE

(By Wee Kim Wee)

Singapore, June 23. Chinese businessmen in Singapore are eagerly looking forward to the resumption of private trade with Japan, particularly those dealing in textiles, produce and marine products and several are in favour of a trade delegation from Malaya to Japan.

This opinion was offered by Mr. Lee Kong-chian, President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, in an interview with the "Malaya Tribune."

The Chinese people, Mr. Lee said, were of a forgiving nature and would let bygones be bygones.

"But," he added, "the nature

of Chinese relations with the Japanese will depend on the latter's conduct."

While several businessmen here have expressed their agreement to a Chinese delegation to Japan, to explore the ability of the Japanese to meet the reparations claims, Mr. Lee said it would be too premature to make any statement on this before an official announcement as to when private trading with Japan would be allowed.

Local produce and textile dealers who are anxious for a resumption of trade with Japan have made efforts to contact their agents there, many of whom reportedly are Chinese.

Ready Markets

Japanese rayon, cotton and silk yarns, ready-made skirts, singlets, socks and toys, are among the items that will find a ready market here, even when imports from other countries are stepped up, because the low prices on Japanese goods have been and still will be the greatest single factor in their favour.

The vast majority of the Malayan population is composed of the middle and poorer classes, and as such, cheap cost is the prime essential which precedes quality, durability, etc.—United Press.

GIFT TO RUMANIA

London, June 23.

The British Government has decided to make a further gift to Rumania, following the recent dispatch of 500 tons of food.

The decision was made after the visit of experts to Rumania, who reported widespread need and shortages.

The gifts will include medical supplies valued at £2,000, and food and clothing worth £7,000.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, June 23.

Dull conditions prevailed during the greater part of the day, owing to the weekend Ministerial coal warnings, but the closing stages were steadier and a somewhat harder tone was noticeable due to the fact that little selling developed combined with Russia's acceptance to attend the American aid to Europe conference.

Oils made the best showing, with the market continuing to be stimulated by the hope that American aid would include oil.

Citiged, which last ground during the morning, closed steadier at lower levels and in several instances, industrialists left off above the worst. Kaffirs also tended to rally on local bear covering but copper remained quietly firm throughout while among foreign rails, United Havanas hardened on new venture schemes.—Reuter.

Shipment of Rice From Siam

London, June 23.

New measures to increase the shipments of rice from Siam are being discussed with the Siam Government, said Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, in reply to a question in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Walter Fletcher (Conservative) had asked what was being done to improve the "low rice shipments from Siam with a consequent lowering of the rice ration in Malaya and elsewhere."

Dr. Summerskill added that until an agreement had been reached, she could not disclose the nature of the new measures.

Replying to another question, Dr. Summerskill said: "The Government of Siam estimate the quantity of rice which would be surplus to internal needs during 1947 at 420,000 tons.

40,000 Tons A Month

"Shipments from January to May, 1947, have averaged 40,000 tons a month, and if, as I hope, it is possible to maintain this rate of shipment, the entire surplus

will, in fact, have been mobilised by the end of the year.

"In these circumstances, I do not feel that a report on the lines suggested would really serve any useful purpose."—Reuter.

Prices In Portugal Fall 4 Points

London, June 23.

Prices in Portugal have fallen four points since 1944, but are still well above the wholesale index, Bank of Portugal figures published by the weekly newspaper "O Sol" showed today.

According to "O Sol," the escudo is currently 55.8 points above the wholesale price level, whereas in 1944, (the highest recent year) it stood at 59.7 points above. The fall in value of the escudo began in 1945 and by November, 1946, it reached its present level.

The paper said that in 1939 there were 3,421,271,000 escudos in circulation. During the war, inflation increased markedly because large amounts of money were supplied by the Bank of Portugal. Belligerents consented to a gradual increase in prices and the Portuguese export trade increased rapidly.

Excess Exports

While Portugal issued banknotes, she received gold from the belligerents. But her trade was heavily unbalanced during the conflict because of the excess of exports over her imports.

By 1945, escudos issued by the Bank of Portugal amounted to 10,200,045,000, which, compared with 1938 showed an increase of 15,805,045,000. Of this amount, 8,000,000,000 escudos (or about 250,000,000) remained in London as Portuguese credits.

Britain and Portugal recently signed an agreement for the liquidation of this sum.—United Press.

CARTEL IN TITANIUM

Washington, June 23.

The Supreme Court today upheld in a four to three decision judgment against E. Dupont de Nemours and Company and others for maintaining an international cartel in the titanium industry, but turned down a Government complaint that the sentence was too lenient.

Titanium is used in the production of paints, rubber, glass and paper.

The Government complaint charged the firm with conspiring with foreign titanium manufacturers in Germany, France, Britain and other countries, to divide the domestic and world markets.—United Press.

UNCOP Told Case Still Sub Judice

Jerusalem, June 24.

Sir Henry Gurney, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, has informed the United Nations Committee on Palestine that "it is necessary to avoid public comment" on the death sentences passed on June 16 on the three terrorists convicted of their part in the Acre prison riot.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Committee, Sir Henry wrote:

"It is observed from the press that your Committee has published a resolution expressing the concern of the majority of its members as to the possible unfavourable repercussions of the execution of these death sentences pronounced by the military court might have on the fulfilment of the Committee's enquiry."

"As the Committee is no doubt aware, the sentences referred to above have not been confirmed and without such confirmation they have no legal force or effect. The matter is therefore sub judice and in these circumstances it is necessary to avoid public comment."

—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, June 23.

The recovery was unimpaired on Wall Street today but the pace was slower and advances were only fractional.

The buying volume expanded somewhat in the afternoon, resulting in fairly widespread gains to one point or more, led by tobacco, rails, mining, motors, steels, rubbers, aviation and wet stocks, with the last-named aided by the cessation of wheat control as of July 1.

The overriding of the President's labour bill veto was expected after the close today and market observers predict that it will bring a firm opening on Tuesday. Estimates vary as to the extent of the expected advance but some technicians believe that there will be no important resistance unless the industrial average reaches 180, in which case a moderate corrective action might follow.

Profit-taking in final dealings halted the advance and most issues managed to close at or around the day's best level.—Reuter.

Buchenwald Doctor In Witness Box

Nuremberg, June 23.

Dr. Waldemar Hoven, former chief medical officer at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp, told the United States War Crimes Court here today, that the prisoners he killed were by phenol injections, and were brought to him by other prisoners because they were Nazi spies.

Hoven is one of 23 German doctors and medical administrators charged with experimenting on human beings in the concentration camp. He told the court that he cooperated with the prisoners' underground movements, and that the prisoners themselves brought alleged traitors to him on the understanding that he should kill them.

Hoven said that he killed 50 "traitors" with phenol injections, and that 90 other prisoners were killed by injections by Dr. Dingschuler, a surgeon, or by other prisoners because they were traitors.

The prosecution allege that Hoven killed prisoners in Buchenwald with other Nazi doctors, but several former prisoners have given evidence that he saved their lives, and belonged to their underground movement.—Reuter.

DUTCH TREASURY BILLS DISCOUNT

Amsterdam, June 23.

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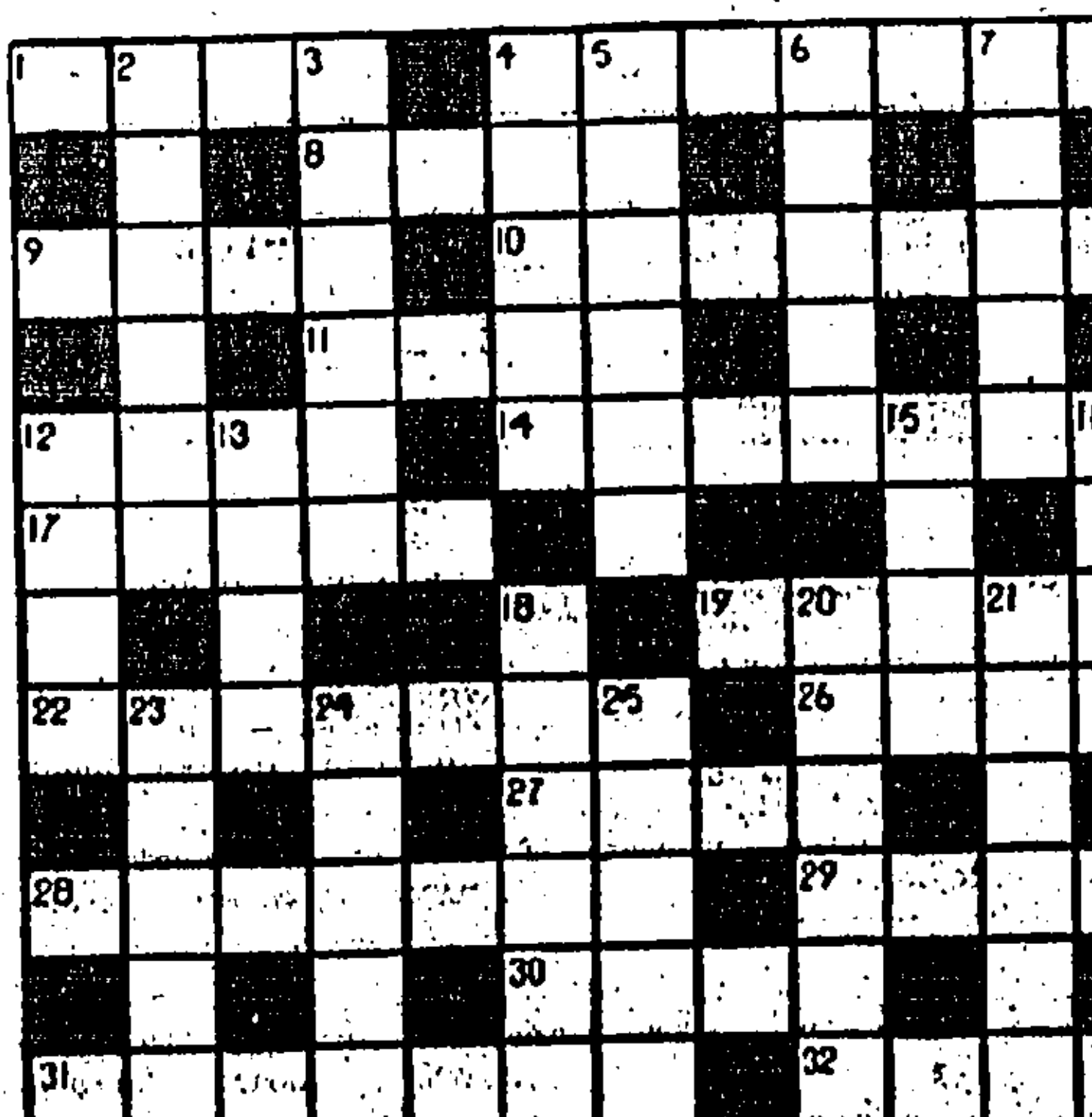
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10. 22. Interfered.
11. 25. Accommodated.
12. 27. Look quickly.
13. 28. Luderious.
14. 30. Victim.
15. 31. Compact mind.
16. 32. Neat.

Clues Down

1. Stringed instrument.
2. Darkness.
3. Saying tale.
4. Register.
5. Adjoins.
6. Inexperienced.
7. Froth.
8. Spindow.
9. Precious.
10. Metal.
11. Doll.
12. Mythical tale.
13. Escape secretly.
14. Free from moisture.
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MELVILLE GETS ANOTHER! Fourth Successive Test Century South African Collapse

London, June 24.
After a good start this morning, during which Alan Melville, the South African skipper, scored his fourth successive Test century, the tourists collapsed in sensational fashion in the second Test Match at Lords and were all out for 327.

Wright, the Kent bowler, did the damage, taking five wickets for 95 runs in 39 overs, of which 10 were maidens. South Africa were forced to follow on, with 227 to avert an innings defeat.

Melville (196) and Nourse (121) resumed South Africa's first innings this morning, which overnight had stood at 167 for 2 wickets.

At lunch South Africa had taken their score to 266 for 4. 288 runs behind England's first innings total of 554 for 8, declared.

Melville, the visitors' skipper, created cricket history when he scored his fourth successive Test century 117. He is the first player to accomplish this feat against one country and his four centuries were spread over eight years.

In the fifth Test against England at Durban in 1939 he scored 103 and in the present series 186 and 104 not out in the first Test at Trent Bridge a fortnight ago.

Second Innings
Melville's sound but at times punting innings was marked by several chances but he drove and cut successfully against all bowlers during his stay of four and a quarter hours and hit 16 fours.

His partnership with Nourse for the third-wicket added 118 in two and a half hours.

England struck another blow when eight runs later Nourse, after batting for two hours and 40 minutes for 61 runs, including six fours, was out leg before.

South Africa collapsed after lunch when they lost their last six wickets for 61 runs and were all out for 327. After tea had been taken at the end of their innings, South Africa were forced to follow-on and began their second innings 227 runs behind.

Actually all six wickets fell in the space of 37 runs, Wright in one spell of bowling taking three of them for four runs in four overs.

Empire Forestry Conference

London, June 23.
Over 100 forestry experts from the Dominions, India, Burma and the Colonies are now in London for the largest timber conference of its kind ever held.

The denuding of Commonwealth forests to meet wartime needs and reforestation plans to overcome the consequent shortage are being discussed. In the words of the delegates' message to His Majesty the King, forests in His Majesty's territories made a vital contribution to the war effort and the conference desire to contribute to their restoration and improved management.

The Forestry Commission proposes to replant 600,000 acres of felled woodlands during the next ten years and create another 500 acres of fresh plantations with the ultimate objective of establishing 5,000,000 acres of forest over a 50-year period to supply 35 per cent of national needs.

The Commonwealth delegates who share a common interest in reforestation schemes described the advances made during the war in the science of timber production.

The agenda includes land utilization as well as education and research. A special committee will deal with timber supply to different parts of the Commonwealth. A tour of State and private woodlands has been arranged by the Commission.

Incidentally, Benethach, Polaris and Alith (three Stars that have been laid up for some time) should re-appear next weekend. In the highly team races, the Submarine Flotilla and the "Aliths" each gained a victory at the expense of a H.K. Government team and the 8th Destroyer Flotilla.

Earlier in the week the Submarine had met and defeated the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, and this places them fairly comfortably at the top of the league.

Team Race Results
Wednesday, June 18:
4TH SUBMARINE FLOTILLA V. 8TH DESTROYER FLOTILLA

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PRO DOUBLES TITLE

Forest Hills, N. Y., June 23.
Bobby Riggs and Don Budge defeated Wilby Van Horn and Wayne Sabin in a five-set match, winning their way into the doubles final of the National professional tournament, 13-15, 2-6, 10-8, 6-3, 6-1. They will play later in the day with Fred Perry and Frank Kovacs for the doubles title.—United Press.

Bluebird Try-Out At Poole

London, June 24.
Sir Malcolm Campbell is going to put his jet-powered "Bluebird" in the water again on July 5 to see if extensive changes will enable the 30,000 lb. 25-foot craft to break Sir Malcolm's own speed record of 141.7 miles an hour.

"But we certainly won't try for any record on July 5," Sir Malcolm said Monday night, "we're just trying to see if the changes we've made have overcome the excessive yawing at high speeds."

The rum, which Sir Malcolm said would not be at any high speed, will be made in the bay at Poole, Dorset.

"I haven't got more than a straight mile across the bay," he said. "Certainly not enough for any record run."

If the changes are satisfactory, he will return the "Bluebird" to Lake Coniston in Lancashire where the "Bluebird" developed the yawing in runs on June 12, and try for a new record, probably in excess of 160 miles an hour.

The jet engine develops more than 3,000 horsepower.—Associated Press.

British Club Over Hollywood

London, June 24.
The Government is expected to table in the House of Commons today an enabling order under which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, is empowered to raise the import duty on motion picture films.

The order will propose some new form of valuing imported films and will be invoked if and when the Chancellor decides it necessary to save dollars.

A spokesman for the Treasury conceded that an increase in the cost of imported motion pictures—almost all of which come from the United States—might lessen the demand for American films here.

"We would all be happier," he commented, "if Mr. Rank's films could be in a position to earn more dollars in America."

Big Scores In County Cricket

London, June 23.
The close of play scores in first-class cricket matches which began on Saturday were:—

At the Oval: Glamorgan 248 and 156 for one; Surrey 560 for eight declared. (Squires 136, Barling 99, McIntyre 107, Holmes 80).

At Buxton: Lancashire 350 for nine declared (Gladwin nine for 119); Derbyshire 273 (Reville 102).

At Bristol: Kent 228 and 56 for one; Gloucestershire 507 (Crapp 190, Emmett 100, Monks 69, Scott 63, Davies six for 132).

At Bath: Somerset 246 and 175 (Buss 65); Leicestershire 175 (Wellard five for 26) and 86 for five.

At Worcester: Oxford University 348 (Pawson 150, Howarth four for 63) and 83 for two; Worcestershire 207 (White 64, Robinson six for 65).

At Sheffield: Nottinghamshire 190 and 250 for seven (Reddick 59, Harris 103); Yorkshire 121 (Butler five for 28).

At Colchester: Essex 410 (Ray Smith 66, Peter Smith 62, Young five for 105); Middlesex 228 (Robertson 64, Brown 54, Mann 58, Peter Smith nine for 77) and 23 for no wicket.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 227 and 103 for three; Combined Services 401 (Hearn 138, Shirreff 65).—Reuter.

Surrey Win

London, June 24.
At the Oval, Surrey beat Glamorganshire by an innings and 180 runs. Surrey 560 for eight declared. Glamorgan 248 and 156 for one.

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RECORD EQUALLED

Sacramento, June 23.
Joyce Macera, swimming star of San Francisco's championship team, equalled the American 50-yard breast stroke record of 32.6 seconds in a club exhibition on Sunday. The coach, Charlie Sava, is expected to submit the mark for American Athletic Union recognition.

She swam without competition and made one turn to complete the 50-yard distance.—United Press.

American Baseball

New York, June 23.
Henrich hit a double with bases loaded in the eighth to help the Yankees defeat the Indians 8-6 at New York.

Tigers suffered their tenth straight defeat when the Red Sox annihilated them 8-2 at Boston. Today's scores were:—

National League
New York Giants 3 8 0
Chicago Cubs 0 11 0
Giants: p. Mori, Cooper, Trinkle; c. Walker, Cooper.
Cubs: p. Erickson, Meers; c. McCullough.

American League
Cleveland Indians 5 10 1
New York Yankees 8 9 2
Indians: p. Black, Kilman, Lemon; c. Hegon.
Yankees: p. Bevin, Wensloff, Page; c. Berra.
Detroit Tigers 2 6 2
Boston Red Sox 8 12 2
Tigers: p. Trucks, White, Hutchinson; c. Swift.
Red Sox: p. Galehouse; c. Tabetta.—United Press.

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Favourite's Easy Win

Wimbledon, June 23.
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The lanky Californian, Jack Kramer (favourite to win the title for the United States), swept the young Midlands player, W. J. Moss, off the court in under half an hour with the loss of only one game, winning 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

One of his chief rivals, Dinny Pails of Australia, had almost as easy a passage in eliminating another Englishman, L. E. Cater, 6/1, 6/0 and 6/1, while the giant Frenchman and holder of the title, Yvon Petra, had a comfortable victory over the British Davis Cup player, Donald Butler, winning by 6/2, 7/6 and 6/0.

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THE FLEETWING HANDICAP

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Joe W. Brown's Brown Mogul, last out of the gate, was the first to cross the finish line in the \$20,000 added Fleetwing Handicap.

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